

SINGLE TAX HELD INITIATIVE ABUSE

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ponent of Fels' Ruse.

"There can be no greater abuse of the initiative than to use it to mislead trusting and confiding people to their own undoing," said J. N. Teal in opening his address on "Single Tax," before the Civic Club last night. "When a proposition is submitted which is contrary to the traditions, practice and laws of the human race, it would seem at least that its proponents have the burden of proof."

Mr. Teal then entered into an exhaustive discussion of the real meaning of single tax, and before he had closed he had demonstrated to his hearers that the single tax is not a system of taxation, but of confiscation. "If enforced," he said, "it would mean the destruction of the common ownership in land. The Supreme Court of the United States has said, 'The power to tax is the power to destroy,' so in this case, if this power be granted and is used, as it unquestionably will be used, the potential destruction of private ownership in land will necessarily follow."

Unfairness Pointed Out.
Mr. Teal, by a course of direct and logical argument, proved that the single tax, and nothing else, is what is now proposed in Oregon. He traced the proposed tax measures, numbered on the ballot 354 and 355 and 378 and 379, direct to the door of Henry George's philosophy.

Discussing the first measure, known as the "graduated single tax and exemption amendment," Mr. Teal said: "The inequality and unfairness of the tax as proposed in this amendment have been frequently pointed out. Not the least among its evils is the fact that one individual might own \$100,000 worth of lands in parcels of the value of \$10,000 in each county, and thus escape this tax, while another individual owning a like amount of property in one county would be required to pay the tax. What however, is more important is the fact that in all of the discussions of this measure, one important feature that is seldom referred to is that, under clause 2, section 2, single tax will also be adopted if this law is approved by the people."

"There is a possibility of its being carried without this fact being known, whereas otherwise it would be defeated. In other words, the law distinctly exempts from taxation all personal property and improvements, and under land in any county until such county, at a regular or special election, passes a law making it taxable."

Election Difficult Matter.
"Moreover, to make it difficult to call a special election, and to make it certain that it will go down to defeat for a time, the special election can only be called for this purpose on petition of not less than 15 per cent of the registered voters of the county. Eight per cent is all that is required to submit other measures under the initiative, but 15 per cent is required under this law. Why? A careful reading of the proposed law is required to disclose this feature, and beyond question the average voter in accepting the statement made by its proponents that this is simply a graduated tax on real estate. It is true, reference is made to this feature, but it is direct and made so-called graduated tax carries every county in the state will have single tax, although their voters may not have so intended. Thus, in guise of a graduated tax, single tax is sought to be established."

"The other law is applicable to Multnomah County, and is direct single tax measure. Thus, if either of the two laws proposed is adopted, we shall in effect have single tax."

Development Is Penalized.
Mr. Teal referred to the building of a railroad as adding to the tax an "unearned increment" or community value of land. "In such a case the cause of the advance in value is understood," he said, "and yet, other than the business the railroad may secure, it gets no share in the advance in the value, while its right of way and real estate are burdened with heavier taxes. It is penalized for participating in the development of a country. This is an instance, and in many cases, instead of encouraging enterprise, in the benefits of which all would share, it distinctly discourages it. While the exemption of improvement from taxation might stimulate for a time the improvement of some vacant property, it cannot be doubted that ultimately a reaction would take place."

As the example of Vancouver, B. C., as a single tax community by proponents of that theory, was cited by Mr. Teal, who emphatically denied that the single tax, or anything like it, had been contemplated there. Mr. Teal has studied the tax question in Vancouver at close range, and he told of talking to city officials there who laughed at the idea that single tax is in force there. They told him that buildings were exempt simply as a temporary measure to promote enterprise, and that in time they would tax all property again.

Inequality Is Disclosed.
Referring to the single tax conference held in New York November 19 and 20, 1910, Mr. Teal quoted from its report, proving that it derived its inspiration from the philosophy of Henry George, whose "Progress and Poverty" he then quoted to the effect that "private property in land is a bold, base, enormous wrong, like that of chattel slavery."

The speaker then showed the mischievous ineffectuality of the single tax advocates in Oregon in arraying class against class, when their programme affects all classes alike, depriving the institution of private property in land, and substituting that of common ownership.

In concluding, Mr. Teal said: "Of this we may be certain: The confiscation of all social value or unearned increment is the goal. As George says, 'We may leave them the shell if we take the kernel' and it is not necessary to confiscate land; it is only necessary to confiscate rent; in this way the state may become the universal landlord."

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IS PHOTOGRAPHED IN ACTION.



Here is the latest campaign photograph of the Socialist candidate for President. This snapshot was taken while Mr. Debs was making a speech, and shows him in one of the typical poses.

T. R.'S ACT SCORED

Immunity Given Trust Men Decried as 'Shame.'

"PANIC, LOOTING SCHEME"

George Fred Williams, Democratic
Leader, Reviews Roosevelt's
Record Before Audience of
1000 at Theater.

"It is a shame in American history that any President should suspend the criminal laws of the country for the benefit of any man, any firm or any corporation," declared George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, in an address before 1000 people at a rousing Democratic rally at the Bungalow Theater last night.

This declaration, directed at Roosevelt, followed a discussion by Mr. Williams of the failure of the ex-President during his term to prosecute the trusts. It was accompanied by the indictment that Roosevelt granted George W. Perkins and the J. Pierpont Morgan interests immunity from criminal prosecution for violating the anti-trust law in two specific instances, besides being a party to the panic of 1907, from which the Morgan interests, it was alleged, realized a profit exceeding \$900,000,000 by the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company.

Old System's Merits Seen.
"Put him on the rockpile," shouted an enthusiastic member of the audience.

"The Athenians had a better plan than that," replied Mr. Williams. "When a politician in those days became troublesome and too much of an agitator, they held an election in which everybody had a vote and, if a majority so decided, the man against whom the charges were made was banished from the country for a period of years. It was known as the Athenian process of ostracism, and I think it has its merits."

Mr. Williams devoted the major part of his address of two hours and 15 minutes to the trust record of Roosevelt. He called attention to the fact that a plank in the platform of the Progressive party recognized the ex-

campaign purposes of the Republican party that year.

Pursuing the relations between Perkins, representing the Morgan interests, and Roosevelt, Mr. Williams told of the failure of Roosevelt to push the prosecution of Perkins' International Harvester Company either civilly or criminally. He then tackled the causes leading up to the financial disturbance of 1907 when Roosevelt gave his permission to the absorption by the steel trust of its only rival, the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company.

"That panic," charged the speaker, "was precipitated by J. Pierpont Morgan & Company for looting purposes. He quoted statistics to show that the aggregate cost to the Morgan interests of the property of its rival was \$80,000,000 when the real worth of the property, according to Morgan's subsequent testimony, was \$1,000,000,000.

Mr. Williams charged that in Roosevelt's administration the capitalization of trusts increased from \$4,000,000 to \$33,000,000,000. The only reason Roosevelt gave for not curbing the multiplicity of trusts when he was President, he asserted, was because Congress would not give him power to regulate them.

"Now Roosevelt wants to be elected President again so that he can regulate the trusts," followed Mr. Williams. "But I want to say that in the three instances I have enumerated in which he gave protection for violating the anti-trust law, Roosevelt has shown himself unfit to regulate these monopolies."

Mr. Williams closed with an appeal for progressives, irrespective of party, to enlist under the leadership of Williams and restore the Government to the people.

State Chairman Haney, who presided, at the conclusion of Mr. Williams' address, introduced Dr. Harry Lane, the party's nominee for Senator. Dr. Lane was well received and talked for 20 minutes.

United States Senator Chamberlain, M. G. Munly, nominee for Representative in Congress, and several other candidates on the state and county tickets occupied seats on the platform.

REGISTRATION IS 160,253

28,413 ADDED TO VOTING LIST
SINCE PRIMARIES.

Marion County's Total Reaches Record at 9290—Curry Only Community Yet to Make Report.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The total registration prior to the general election is 160,253, according to figures

ABSTRACT OF THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTIONS.

COUNTY.	Age, Under 21.	Total No.	Male.	Female.	Dem.	Rep.	Pro.	Ind.	Ref.	Uncl.	Unreg.	Uncl.	Unreg.
Baker	5901	4720	2358	2362	1950	1470	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Benton	1919	2481	1388	1093	1150	1338	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Clatsop	2707	2180	1093	1087	1000	1180	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Columbia	3390	2219	1093	1126	1000	1219	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cook	2425	2200	1093	1107	1000	1200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Curry	4488	8397	4000	4397	4000	4397	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Douglas	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gilliam	1043	1145	563	582	500	645	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Grant	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Harney	1043	1145	563	582	500	645	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Hood	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Jackson	1043	1145	563	582	500	645	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Joseph	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Klamath	2260	2041	1000	1041	1000	1041	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Lake	1043	1145	563	582	500	645	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Lincoln	1121	1225	607	618	500	725	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Malheur	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Marion	1221	2174	1000	1174	1000	1174	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Morrow	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Multnomah	45,587	52,204	25,022	27,182	25,000	27,182	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Polk	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sherman	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Tillamook	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Union	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Wasco	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Washington	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Yamhill	1428	1345	663	682	600	745	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Totals	160,253	160,253	80,126	80,127	80,126	80,127	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

*Estimated.

lence of trusts, but proposed their regulation and permanent supervision by a National Industrial Commission. He explained that this commission was to be an administrative body, appointed by the President. This very provision, insisted Mr. Williams, would result in defeating any attempted regulation of the trusts by the Government, for the reason that when regulation was proposed, the monopolies would secure control of the appointing power by dictating the appointment of the commission by which they should be regulated.

1900 Contributions Discussed.
Taking up the Presidential campaign of 1904, the speaker showed that the J. Pierpont Morgan interests, through George W. Perkins, who was christened the "commanding leader of the progress," instilled the people in the present campaign, contributed \$665,000 to the Roosevelt campaign fund, or nearly one-third of the entire fund raised for

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AT THE THEATERS

"THE CHIMES OF NORMANDY."

Opera Comique, in Three Acts, by Robert Jean Plaque, and sung at the Hellig.

CAST:

Henri, Marquis of Cornville, Joseph F. Sheehan

Gaspard, Joseph F. Sheehan

Germine, Gladys Caldwell

Serpoleto, Gladys Caldwell

Suzanne, Helen Jeffries

Jeanne, Louise Hoeger

A LARGE audience that applauded the sparkling melodies and laughed at the jokes in a presentation by the Sheehan English Opera Company of Plaque's opera comique, "The Chimes of Normandy," attended the Hellig Theater last night, and liked the experience. There were several curtain recalls, and the rendition was generally successful.

A strictly American version of this old, familiar opera comique was given, especially in the buffo department, where the French name of the opera—received its French name at the Folies Dramatiques at Paris, France, and it has become one of the stand-by, popular comic opera hits of a generation.

The opera belongs to the time of Louis XV, of France, and its scenes are around a Norman village, with a near-by population of fishermen.

Gaspard, a miser, is left as guardian by the old lord of the manor to guard his property, and two girls, Germaine and Serpolette, live with Gaspard, as the latter's wards.

Germine, a young fisherman, makes Germaine believe that he once saved her life when she fell into a river, but in reality she was saved by Henri, disguised as a wandering ship captain.

Henri is the lost Marquis of Cornville. Gaspard hides his gold in the old chateau of Cornville, and the big scene in the opera is where an army of supposed ghosts rush on old Gaspard as he plays with his gold. This is the kernel of the plot.

Mr. Sheehan made an impassioned Henri and with fine skill sang the songs allotted to him. Mr. Dickinson was a mainly-looking Germaine and has a good natural baritone voice, which would be improved if he would use his upper register when singing above middle C, in the treble clef. Miss Caldwell, soprano, and Miss Stetler, mezzo-soprano, both made good in their respective roles and Mr. Jorgensen was amusing as the village magistrate. Mr. Boyle, as old Gaspard, was the best actor on the stage, and fairly dominated the action. The chorus sang efficiently.

Tonight, the Sheehan engagement closes with Von Plotow's light opera, "Martha."

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Rumor That One of Independent Candidates Would Withdraw to Defeat Lafferty Is Denied.

Both Thomas McCusker and M. G. Munly, independent Republican and Democratic nominees, respectively, for Representative in Congress from this district last night emphatically repudiated the report published in an afternoon paper that negotiations were being conducted by which one or the other would withdraw, that the fight might be centered against Representative Lafferty.

Mr. McCusker is satisfied from the assurances of support he has received that he is the strongest candidate against the incumbent of the office and for that reason is resolved to remain in the contest.

"It is ridiculous to think that, under the circumstances, I should for a moment think of withdrawing as a candidate," said Mr. McCusker last night. "I am not a quitter, and will be in the race until the polls close Tuesday, November 5."

"I have been told that in the last two or three days of the campaign some tricks would be resorted to with a view of discrediting me with the laboring men and too late for me to reply. I desire now to warn all my friends against any such trickery that may be attempted."

Mr. Munly professed equal surprise that such a report should gain circulation. "There is not a word of truth in the rumor," said Mr. Munly. "I was nominated in the primary election, and

in honor shall continue a candidate of my party for the office. Even if it were permissible under the law for me to withdraw, I would not entertain the proposal under any circumstances."

A. BAKER'S SLAYERS PLEAD

Two of Three Defendants Admit Kicking Man to Death.

Robert Burns, one of the youths under indictment for voluntary manslaughter for kicking Adam Baker

to death, yesterday pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh. On motion of Deputy District Attorney Page sentence was suspended and he was allowed to go on his own recognizance. Charles Christensen, one of Burns' co-defendants, pleaded guilty Saturday and was also allowed to go on his own recognizance, sentence being deferred until after the trial of H. Leese, the third defendant. Leese has refused to plead guilty.

Christensen and Burns will be used as witnesses against him. Mr. Page declares that neither promises of immunity or light sentence have been made to Burns and Christensen.



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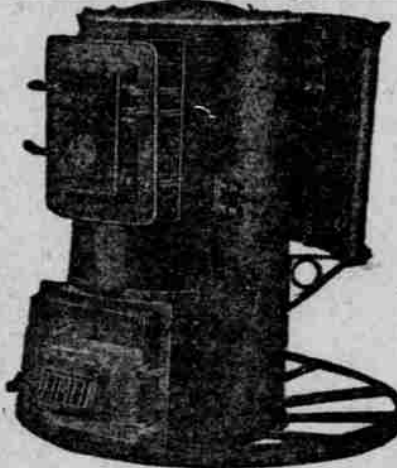
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