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POINDREXTER, SAFE AND SANE. Candidate Dill over in Washington... It is not, makes a national name out of Senator Poindexter for his support of the Esch-Cummins bill for railroad legislation.

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gaining a change of government will have been completed, while the American people read the operation over nine months. John Bull may be slow at everything else, but he is bewilderingly swift at politics.

WHAT TAX, MR. PIERCE? The total state tax levied for 1921 (payable in 1922) for Oregon aggregated a total of 9.3 mills.

That the people, now greatly disturbed—and rightly so—over the mounting tax costs may see what their attitude was at the time the various tax proposals were voted, the record is herewith submitted:

From the revenues of the three mills are paid the expenses of the state institutions, such as the hospitals for the insane, the penitentiary, blind and deaf schools, tuberculosis hospitals, boys and girls' schools, land board, library, legislature, national guard, printing, public service commission, social hygiene, state fair, agricultural water board, the executive and judicial departments, and a great variety of miscellaneous expenses.

Mr. Pierce must be achieved within the three mills, unless he persuades the people to repeal the school, higher education and other such taxes.

Just what taxes imposed by authority since Olcott went into public office does he propose to abolish?

While the people of Oregon have been discussing the relative advantage or disadvantage to this state of continuing the merger of the Central Pacific with the Southern Pacific railroad or making a former independent line, they have been overlooking the plan for consolidation of the northern roads under the transportation act.

In this grouping the northern roads, the commission in many respects followed the recommendations of Professor Ripley, but departed from them by not adding the Central Pacific to the Union Pacific system, by not attaching the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific to the Burlington-Northern Pacific system...

That is the point of most immediate interest to the people of this region. If both the Milwaukee and the North Bank road should be combined with the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Oregon, the half of the North Bank road, the new system, Milwaukee trains would gain entrance to Portland by the shortest route, and the new system, receiving all in place of half the earnings of the North Bank and finding it more economical to operate, might prefer it to either of its lines across the mountains for traffic to the seaboard.

The St. Paul-Great Northern system needs competition throughout the north. First and foremost, it must be protected as to access to the coast by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line down the north bank of the Columbia river to the mouth of the river.

That suggests placing Portland on an equality with Seattle in an estimate of the Great Northern as a source of profitable traffic. It would also give Portland the benefit of the Milwaukee's short line from the Palouse country, to be used in conjunction with the water grade of the North Bank line.

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