

U'REN IDEA MEANS EXPENSE TO PEOPLE

Thoughtful Ones See Fallacy of Single Tax Scheme, Says Shields.

"CONSUMER FOOTS BILLS"

Secretary of Equal Taxation League Shows Injustice Which Proposed Legislation Will Work on Poorer Classes.

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Thoughtful people all over the State of Oregon are now considering one fea-

the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company? I venture to say that 75 per cent of the patrons are laborers, mechanics and average business men. The rich and the well-to-do have their automobiles and enjoy the roads constructed by the farmers and the lot owners. To sum up the situation: This \$225,000 must come from the common people. In Seattle a telephone company was granted a franchise. The rate established in the franchise was \$4 for a main phone. The company asked for a hearing of the public service commission. It showed the commission that it was not earning an average rate of interest on its investment. In the face of the franchise rate, the commission authorized an advance of some 20 per cent in the telephone rate to justify a reasonable interest return on the investment, holding that if the rate charged by the telephone company was excessive, the commission had a right to reduce the rate and where it found the rate charged did not give a reasonable return for the money invested, it had a perfect right to increase the rate. This is but fair and honest. Honesty and fairness are what the public is demanding. When we have a public service commission in Oregon any excessive tax upon public service corporations will be an indirect tax upon the people. Only a few weeks ago in Northern California the public service commission authorized an increase in the service rate of a public service corporation,

DIVORCEE TO PLEAD

Mrs. Brown to Tell Governor West Her Side of Story.

EXTRADITION IS FOUGHT

Beauty, Charged With Coaxing \$17,000 From Aged Admiral, Thinks Accusation Unjust--Companion Files Habeas Corpus Writ.

Mrs. Alice Brown, the beautiful divorcee who is being held in the county jail for the San Francisco police as a fugitive from justice, the charge being that she coaxed \$17,000 from David Nappin, a wealthy retired farmer of Illinois, will appear in person tomorrow before Governor West, at Salem, to plead her cause. This is at the re-

What the Record Discloses

"The same policies that we have followed in our California enterprises will be pursued in our operations in Portland," said Mr. Fleishacker—Oregonian, August 9, 1912.

We are informed that the promoters back of the Northwestern Electric Company, now seeking a franchise in Portland, Sold out to their competitors in Stockton, California, October, 1910, at an enormous personal profit to themselves.

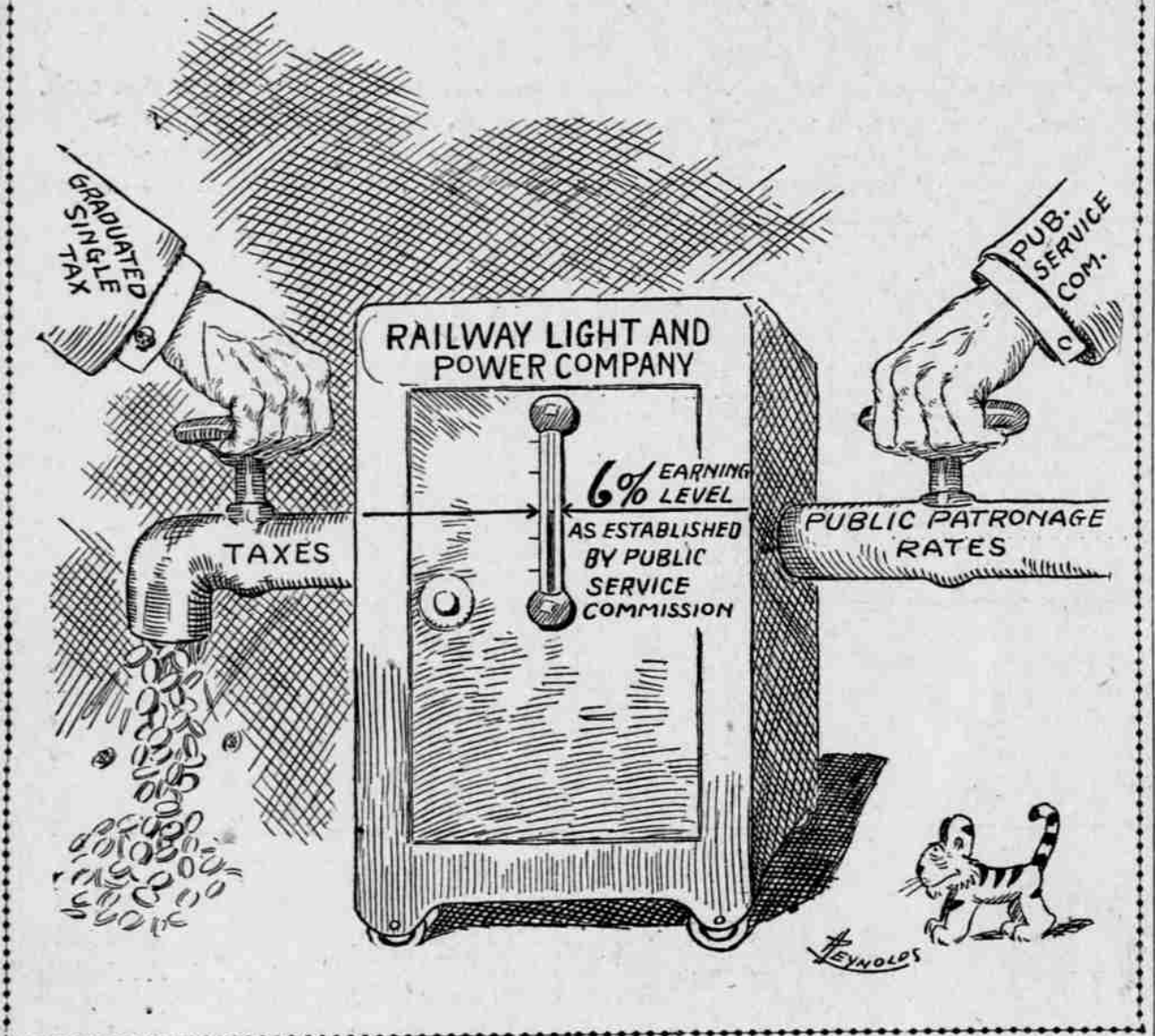
That in Northern California, in the Spring of 1912, by transferring the stock of The Sacramento Valley Power Company to the Northern California Power concern, competition was eliminated and these same interests received an enormous profit for the transfer.

That in San Francisco, in the Fall of 1911, the City Electric was sold to the Great Western Power Company at an enormous profit to these same interests.

Do you want the "same policies" followed in Portland? How can the people of Portland prevent it when their generating plant is located in another state?

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company

MORE TAXES, HIGHER RATES.



ture of the proposed graduated single tax which does not seem even to have been considered by Mr. U'ren and his friends in the efforts they are making to foist a scheme of taxation on Oregon in place of the rational, commonsense system offered in its three amendments by the state tax commission.

Such public service corporations as the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and its equivalents in Eugene, Astoria, Roseburg, Baker, Salem, Medford, Oregon City and other progressive Oregon cities will retaliate very quickly to legislation that will take away all power of their returning a dividend on the capital invested.

The forthcoming Public Service Commission in Oregon will be forced, as have public service commissions in other states, to so regulate rates that a fair rate of interest may be returned on the capital invested.

Consumers Pay the Bills. Therefore, it is not difficult to show that under single tax, or graduated single tax, call it what you will, there will quickly follow an era of high electric light and power rates and high trolley rides.

For it must always be remembered—the consumer pays the bill.

To illustrate—Suppose the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's books should show to the satisfaction of the commission a legitimate investment of \$4,500,000 in operating equipment, including tracks, buildings and everything of that nature, and in addition thereto another \$500,000 in water investments in connection with the operation of their business. This would be a total investment of \$5,000,000.

Public service commissions in other states have established a precedent—allowing public service corporations a net earning power of 6 per cent on their investment, which will be the rule in Oregon.

This would necessitate a net earning of \$300,000 per year.

To make this illustration clear, we will assume that \$200,000 is exactly what the commission finds to be the net income of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

The present tax system then would be found not excessive but exactly right to permit the company to earn its 6 per cent.

Injustice is Shown. Now, let us suppose that the graduated single tax amendment should be adopted.

Under the application of this graduated tax, according to the advocates of the measure, the water power in Clackamas County owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would be assessed at \$8,000,000 exclusive of all improvements whatever.

Under the graduated single tax scale of taxation the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would be compelled to pay \$25,000 taxes in addition to the taxes it has heretofore paid.

The earning power of the company would be no greater under the graduated single tax system than under the present. On the contrary, it would be less, consequently, its net earnings would be reduced from \$200,000 to \$75,000.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would, of course, ask for a hearing of the public service commission to determine the necessary increase in the service tariff to make up this loss.

The commission would be compelled to allow an increase in rate so that the net earnings would be \$200,000 as might be \$200,000 to justify a 6 per cent interest on the investment.

Patrons Pay After All. In this event, who has paid the \$25,000 which the advocates of single tax are so anxious to have? Not the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company—but its patrons.

Who are the people who patronize

so as to permit it to earn 6 per cent on the investment. Suppose this corporation was subject to the graduated single tax amendment, the rate would have been established so as to take care of the extra tax. The people would have it to pay. There is no way of escape.

RAILROADS FAIL TO AGREE

Question of First-Street Switching Charges Still Unsettled.

Failure again met the efforts of the rival Hill and Harriman railroad interests yesterday, when they endeavored to reach an agreement on switching charges on East First street. Further conferences with Mayor Rushlight probably attending will be held.

The Mayor seeks to have the two lines settle the cost of switching on East First street, in which the Southern Pacific has a franchise and tracks, so that this street need not be included in the proposed franchise of the Hill interests. Franchises also are being sought on East Water street, where the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has a track. B. S. Josselyn, president of the traction company, offers to do the switching for both the Hill and Harriman lines, if no further franchises are granted on that street.

LOW RATES EAST.

August 12th is next sale date for Eastern excursion tickets via Canadian Pacific Lines. Ticket office Third and Pine (Muitnomah Hotel bldg.).

quest of John Manning, her attorney, who desires that the Governor should hear her side of the story first hand, before deciding if he will grant extradition papers.

John E. Dolan, a police detective of San Francisco, yesterday arrived in Portland with requisition papers signed by Governor Johnson, of California. He is armed with a warrant demanding the arrest of Mrs. Brown on a charge of grand larceny, the specific accusation being that she secured from her aged Illinois admirer, \$17,000, with which to purchase a rooming-house in San Francisco, and decamped with the money.

Montrose Wants His Liberty.

Attorney Manning, who also represents George Montrose, the woman's companion, who was arrested with her, has started proceedings in Circuit Court to secure the release of Montrose on a writ of habeas corpus. He filed application for the writ yesterday. It is made returnable before Circuit Judge McGinn Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock. By that time the police and Sheriff Stevens must show by what authority they are holding Montrose a prisoner. So far no charge has been preferred against him.

"We have turned Montrose's case over to the Federal authorities at San Francisco," said Detective Dolan. "An investigation is now being made, I understand, to find out whether the United States which slave statutes can be put into operation against him."

Strenuous efforts will be made tomorrow to induce Governor West not to sign the extradition papers. Attorney Manning contends that it was no crime for the woman to accept money, no matter how large the amount, from Nappin.

SPEAKER USES AUTO

Candidates Find Machine Useful in Campaign Trip.

MORE TOWNS ACCESSIBLE

Paget and Stillman Discover Motor Car Advantageous in Conducting Tour of Washington County Cities.

The advantage of the automobile in political campaigns in cities has been so well established that it no longer possesses any novelty. The use of the

automobile in the conduct of campaigns covering wide areas frequently away from railroads, is far less common and is another indication of the tremendous superiority of the motor car to methods heretofore in use.

B. Lee Paget, prohibitionist candidate for United States Senator, and O. A. Stillman, candidate for Congress from the First District, returned Wednesday from a two-day automobile tour of Washington County, having visited 15 towns in that time and having covered approximately 150 miles. The average distance between towns was about seven miles. A five-passenger Cadillac machine was used.

Beginning at Sherwood Monday, Mr. Paget's party visited Tualatin, Tigard, Beaverton, Reedville, Cornelius, Hillsboro, with a night meeting at Orenco. On Tuesday, Messrs. Paget and Stillman spoke from their automobile, at street meetings, held at North Plains, Buxton, Banks, Dilley, Gaston, Cherrygrove and Forest Grove. Throughout the trip not the slightest mishap occurred, and the schedule prepared at the headquarters of the Prohibition party in Portland, was followed in every detail. At all of the towns there was a much larger attendance at the street meetings than would have been the case had the old custom of meetings in the town hall been followed. As the automobile entered the main street a megaphone announced the coming meeting and in a short time a crowd gathered. The tour through Washington County was the beginning of an automobile campaign which Mr.

Paget and his committee intend to carry on in every county in the state.

Portland Merchants Invited.

The merchants of San Francisco have extended an invitation to Portland business men to attend a fashion show, to be held in San Francisco, September 5-6-7. The show will be given under the auspices of the Retail Dry Goods

Association of San Francisco, and delegates will attend from Seattle, Spokane, Los Angeles and other cities to take up matters of interest to all merchants on the Pacific Coast.

Graham County, Arizona, has a jail cut out of the side of a hill of solid rock. The loopholes for ventilation were opened by blasts. There is no way of escape from the prison except by the door at the front.

Fighting the Trust



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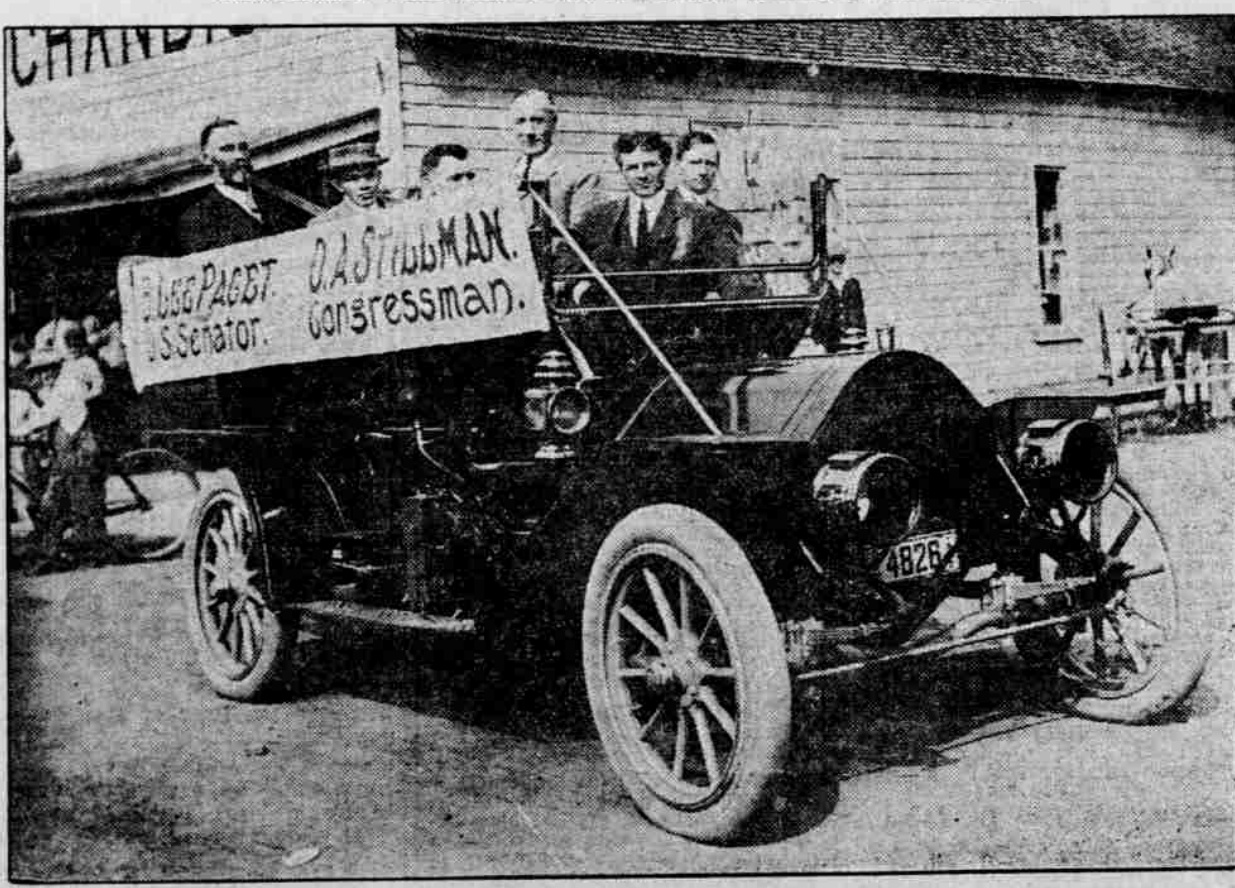
We carry a large and complete line of plumbing supplies and can positively save you money. All goods guaranteed absolutely first class.

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FRONT AND GRANT STREETS

Take "S" car going south on Third, get off at First and Grant and go one block east.

CANDIDATE WILL CAMPAIGN THROUGH STATE IN MOTOR CAR.



B. LEE PAGET, PROHIBITION CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR, AND O. A. STILLMAN, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, BEGINNING THEIR AUTOMOBILE TOUR LAST WEEK THROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY AT SHERWOOD.

SUMMER COLDS

Are Considered by Doctors More Dangerous Than Winter Colds.

A person is quite as apt to catch cold in the summer as in the winter, but it is harder to cure a cold in the summer than in the winter. In winter the bracing air assists the remedy to overcome the cold, but the sultry, depressing weather of summer retards the cure of colds.

The public is much interested in knowing a remedy that will successfully cope with summer colds. A remedy that covers just such cases is Peruna. Experience has taught that it is the one remedy that promptly expels summer colds of every character and description.

Miss Ivy Gray, Fairview, Ky., says: "I have taken Peruna, and would say that it is the best medicine for coughs and colds I ever saw. I find that it always cures a cold in a short while. It also strengthens and builds up the system."

SPECIAL NOTICE—Many persons are making inquiries for the old-time Peruna. To such would say, this formula is now put out under the name of K-A-T-A-R-N-O, manufactured by K-A-T-A-R-N-O Company, Columbus, Ohio. Write them and they will be pleased to send you a free booklet.