

THE SINGLE TAXER'S BATTLE FOR THE OREGONIAN

Single Tax Is Heartily "Rapped" by Numerous Correspondents—Bourne Condemned for Making Campaign After Defeat at Primary Election—Variety of Subjects Treated Interestingly.

HEAVY LOSSES IN SINGLE TAX.

Traverse Figures Are Quoted for Guidance of Voters.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—(To the Editor.)—The assessment roll of Multnomah County is now made up and it shows:

Table with columns: Item, Value. Includes Real estate, town lots, improvements on real estate, etc.

Leaving by all the tax now levied on \$366,806,000, the sum of \$1,198,120,945. Every dollar of tax which should be paid on \$108,685,150 must be added to the tax on lots and land, on the homes of the people. The single tax candidate for Assessor and his hired scribes may tell the small home owner that his taxes will be less than now, but above are the figures, study them for yourselves.

The storekeepers are being told that all taxes will be taken off their goods, but if single tax creates hard times, if the growth of Portland is checked, if hundreds of businesses are closed, if they are paralyzed and they will be worse off than now.

To show how single tax works in California, I copy a few excerpts from the "Calgary Herald," of September 12, 1912, and from a letter by the editor to a gentleman in Portland, dated October 1, 1912.

Editorial: Representatives from 20 Alberta towns have met to protest against the action of the government in forcibly imposing a single tax on the province.

The result (the adoption of single tax) has been disastrous to a number of Alberta towns. Their business has been paralyzed. Single tax, as applied to their land on any reasonable basis of value, has destroyed their business.

After reading the above it should not take surgical operations to get an understanding of the great wrong of a single tax on the heads of voters of average intelligence.

HOW TO HOLD DOWN A HUSBAND. Salem Widow Gives Practical Advice to Aspiring Wives. SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(To the Editor.)—I have read so many letters from different ones in The Oregonian that I wonder they find the question worth discussing when the answer is obvious.

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