

TAX FIGURES SHOW NON-PARTISAN FAULT

Farmers Are Awakening to Communist Plan.

LAND VALUATIONS RAISED

Apparent Purpose of North Dakota Officials Is to Gain State Ownership of Property.

BY GEORGE K. AIKEN. BISMARCK, N. D., July 3.—(Special.)—One does not have to depend on the opposition to the non-partisan league for evidence that its tax programme shows startling increases since the advent of the league in power. The evidence that is submitted in this installment was obtained at the state capitol this afternoon from offices controlled by men elected by the league. I have the original copies of the statements they furnished me.

First let me introduce James E. Robinson, the Nestor of the supreme court, a quaint figure with his great mop of gray hair reaching almost to his shoulders and bobbed after the modern fashion for little girls. The judge, by the way, is one of the regular performers when the Towley regime needs a legal opinion to sustain anything in its programme, yet this is what he has to say about the tax programme.

"When the governor and his cabinet fixed the valuations under the 1919 system and raised valuations of farm lands from \$21,000,000 to \$1,072,000,000; using round numbers, five times what it was before, of course they wiped out all limitations in every taxing body. The result is that the taxes are excessively high on farm lands. Well they may not be excessively high on account of state taxes, but very high through school districts and cities and towns.

Appropriations Are Increased.

"They would have been higher than they are if I had not had the special session reduce them, and they did cut off some state appropriations then, but not what I wanted, for the appropriations for the 1919 session are far greater than they were for the previous sessions."

These figures were furnished me by Secretary Baker of the state tax commission and are, therefore, official:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total state taxes including money and credit tax and grain tax as shown by abstract of tax lists July 1, 1919: \$3,742,618.08. Total state taxes including money and credit tax as shown by abstract of tax lists July 1, 1919: \$1,797,569.63.

State Industries Blamed.

The statement has these two illuminating paragraphs attached: "State industries are responsible for the increase in the sinking and interest fund levies as well as for the increase shown under state industries."

Note: The increased appropriation is only partially reflected in the increase in levies as the miscellaneous collections and special taxes going into the general fund partially take care of increased appropriations.

1915 and 1919 Compared.

From another state office, and one controlled by men elected by the non-partisan league two years ago the following graphic table was obtained, which sets forth a typical monthly pay roll of the state house in 1915 and one in 1919, compares the general funds on corresponding dates, the total assessed valuations and other data. A perusal of this table and the significance of the figures ought to be sufficient to convince any one of the utter incompetence of the league officials as state administrators.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Payroll for one month, 1915: \$20,642.24. Payroll for one month, 1919: \$9,121.46. General fund balance, December 31, 1915: 208.88. General fund balance, December 31, 1919: 198,330.94.

Farmers Are Awakening.

These figures should be illuminating to the farmers of Oregon for they are a very clear indication of what the non-partisan league programme is aiming at though the farmers here have just begun to see it, through their tax receipts.

Besides this, the appropriations for state purposes are clearly shown to have increased more than 100 per cent, for all this has been necessary to meet the cost of the growing payroll and extravagant programme of the league.

The tendency of increasing farm valuations is the logical one for the league if it is to follow the programme laid down by one of its prophets, Walter Thomas Mills, who in his book on "The Struggle for Poverty" declares absolutely for the state ownership of land, and this likewise is indicated in the proposal of league leaders in the last session.

to stop the sale of land for taxation. The law proposed would have all land on which taxes were not paid pass directly to state ownership, and by the state be rented, or leased according to the Russian communist theory. This measure, however, did not pass, for the farm owning members of the legislature were not ready to take that long step toward communism, yet its place in the programme is evident.

FRENCH WILL LIFT BAN

Articles of Foreign Manufacture Needed in France.

PARIS, July 3.—(Special cable.)—High officials at the French ministry of finance today confirmed the report which already has been announced in these despatches that the decree of April 23, prohibiting the importation of certain articles into France will shortly undergo a thorough revision in the sense that on a number of articles on the list a high protective tariff will replace downright prohibition.

Some articles figuring on the list, it was said at the ministry, may well be placed on the tariff list, as they are urgently needed in this country and their importation cannot seriously interfere with French production. Preparatory to a fresh decree partially superseding that of April, experts delegated by the finance minister, Francois Marsel, are reviewing the import situation jointly with the chamber of deputies finance commission.

FRUIT TONNAGE HOLDS UP

Douglas County's Total Crop Equal to That of 1919.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—F. B. Guthrie, Douglas county field representative for the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, today completed his estimate of the tonnage of fruit crops in Douglas county this year. His report shows an average yield of prunes in spite of rain. Cherries, white light, are showing up better right now. The peach crop is so light it is almost a failure. Peas are spotted and will average light. The apple crop would be light but the new orchards coming in will bring about an average crop.

This will bring the number of cars to be packed up to the 1919 total. The association has set the time limit for this members whose 1920 crop can be handled for July 15 and many are "hopping on the band wagon."

NEW CABLE NEARLY LAID

Brazilian Rate to Be Further Reduced by Telegraph Company.

CHICAGO, July 3.—The Western Union Telegraph company announced today that it will have direct communication established between Chicago and Buenos Aires shortly. Most of a 7000-mile line has been laid, the new cable to be put in from Miami, Fla., to the Isle of Barbados in the West Indies and then on to Maranhham, Brazil, connecting with the land lines.

Western Union officials said today that they will make the Brazilian rate, which has been reduced from \$1 to 50 cents a word, still lower when the new route is opened.

Tank Company to Be Mustered In

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 3.—(Special.)—Centralia's new national guard tank company will be mustered in Tuesday night at the city's club with 33 men and two officers. Major Patton, U. S. A., will be the mustering officer. Captain David Livingston, who will command the new company, received word from the adjutant-general's office yesterday that it will be officially designated as company I, national guard tank corps.

Chehalis Is Thronged

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 3.—(Special.)—Chehalis has been crowded with outside people all day today and last night the sleeping accommodations of the city were taxed to capacity. All the sawmills shut down either yesterday or today in this section until after the Fourth and many will not reopen for two or three weeks. Auto travel is very heavy through here, hundreds of cars going to the races at Tacoma.

Mayor's House Robbed

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 3.—(Special.)—Three burglaries were reported today. The house of Mayor Percival \$15 Franklin street, was entered and \$5 taken. Professor Shumway, 1113 Columbia, lost a valuable watch and \$5. The residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalf at 308 West Eighth street was entered and a number of old coins and articles of clothing taken.

INDIAN CENSUS DECLINES

DEATHS ON UMATILLA RESERVATION EXCEEDS BIRTHS.

12,000 Acres of Tribal Land Remain Out of Original 157,000, Due to Allotments.

PENDELTON, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—Indians on the Umatilla reservation now number 1130. Major E. L. Swartzlander, superintendent of the reservation for 11 years, reports that when he assumed management there were 1500.

Major Swartzlander came to the reservation in July, 1909, relieving A. E. Fairidge. At that time the Indian population was 1200 and it slowly increased until the epidemic of influenza two years ago. Over 40 deaths have occurred in the two years, a number greater than the births, which, in normal times, exceeds the deaths.

In 1890 the reservation was diminished to 157,000 acres of tribal land. In 1890-1891 950 allotments were made to individual Indians, aggregating about 82,000 acres, leaving 75,000 acres of tribal land. Three years ago additional allotments were made to 249 Indians, and 15,000 acres remain, merely enough for grazing, an average of about 10 acres each.

Educational facilities are excellent. All Indian children are required to attend school, of which there are five on the reservation. St. Andrew's Mission cares for about 75 Indian pupils. More than 50 Umatilla Indians attend Chomawa, and four attend the big Indian university at Lawrence, Kansas. Umatilla Indians are a peaceful lot; only three Indian police are required to patrol the entire reservation.

FIVE ENTER GUILTY PLEA

Two Men Get 3 Years, One Given 2 Years; 2 Cases Pending.

MEDFORD, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—The five persons indicted by the special grand jury at Jacksonville Friday pleaded guilty when arraigned in court today, and three were given penitentiary sentences. William Taber, 40, and William Huley, 29, both of Ashland, were sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for breaking into an Ashland store, and Cecil Emery, 19, also of Ashland, was given a two-year sentence for stealing an automobile and taking it to the Crescent city.

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Highway Employees on Outing

SALEM, Or., July 3.—(Special.)—Twenty-five employees of the state highway department left here this afternoon by auto truck for the Mount Hood district where they will remain until Monday night. Girls comprised half the party. Tonight will be spent at Government Camp and tomorrow the hikers start for the summit of the mountain. Roy Klein, secretary of the state highway commission, was in charge of the party.

State Hospital Farmer Quits

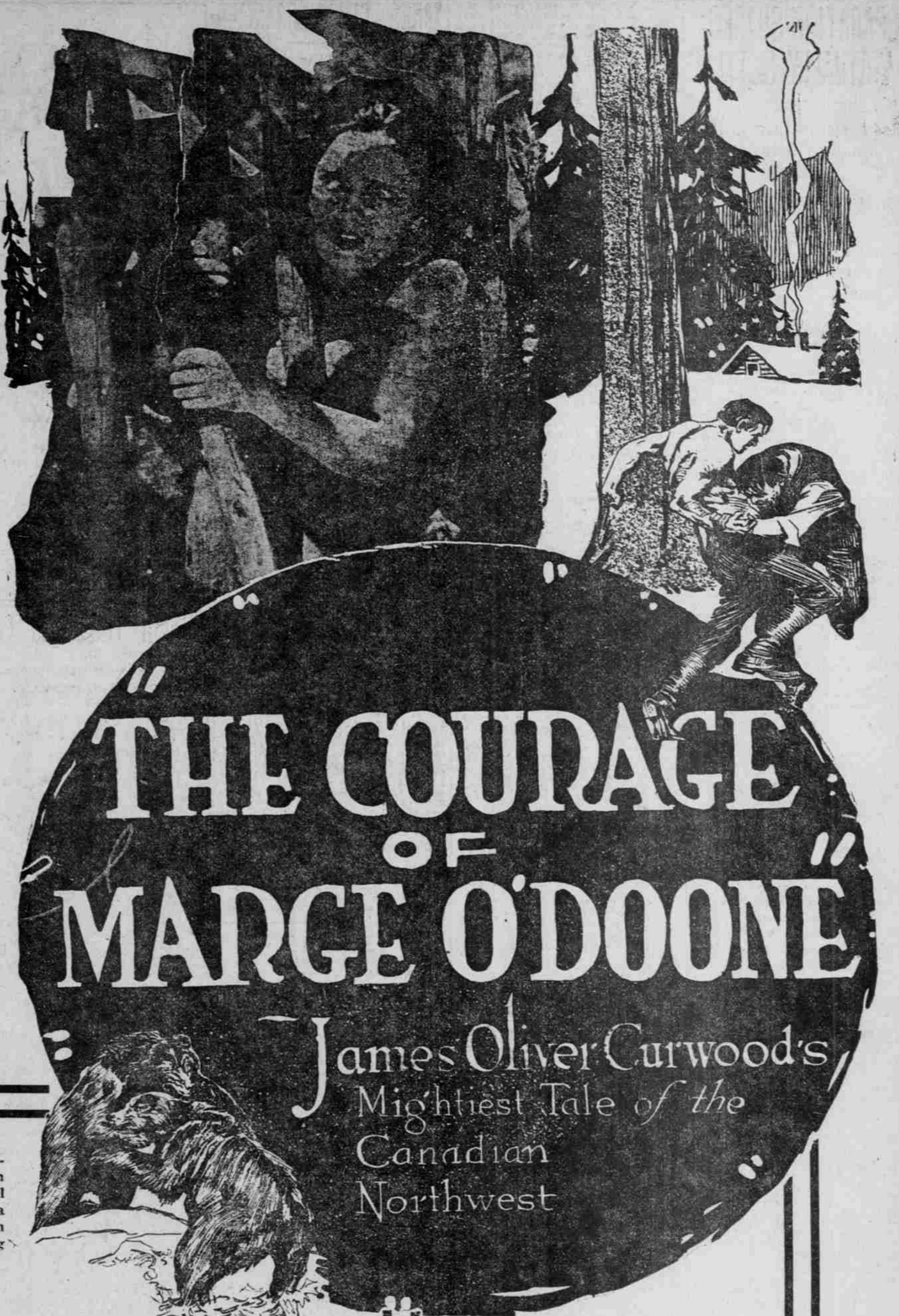
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