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## SINGLE TAX IS REPORTED BAD

### HEAD OF ORGANIZATION OPPOSING ITS ADOPTION BY OREGON WRITES DR. MINGUS ABOUT MATTER.

Dr. E. Mingus who recently circulated a petition here against the single tax movement has received the following self explanatory letter from Chas. H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League which is fighting the single tax:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 5th inst., also the binder containing 100 signers for which we thank you. Please pardon me for not answering your letter at an earlier date. I have been so busy compiling the first issue of the 'Oregon Equal Taxer' that I have been unable to give time to anything else. I am mailing you a copy of this paper under separate cover. Would be glad to furnish you as many as you desire to distribute. We are today sending you by mail 25 copies of 'Single Tax Exposed' as requested. Will be glad to furnish you as many copies as you may indicate. Referring to the subject upon which you dwell in your letter, the writer quite agrees with you, that some relief in the tax is necessary and that a more fair and equitable tax is necessary to satisfy the de-

mands of the people. I have been impressed since being in this state that in many cases the large landholders have not been paying their just and equitable share of the taxes. This, however, is not necessarily the fault of the present system, but rather the fault of those who execute the laws. I admit however the difficulty in having the laws properly and honestly executed.

We must not forget however that under any system of taxation, the weaknesses now apparent in the execution of the laws we have, will not have been strengthened under the so-called single tax, or, possibly any other system.

I think, however, some changes may be made that would make our system of taxation more easily enforced. One improvement might be made by divorcing state from county levying taxes. As an illustration, allow the state to tax public service corporations for their franchisees, rights of way and operating equipment. Land and personal property not used in the operating department may be assessed by the counties in which it is located. Inheritance tax, income tax, corporation tax and other taxes of like nature may be handled by the state, allowing the counties to operate under laws acting uniformly throughout the state, to assess land and personal property in their respective counties under classification.

The question of taxation, however, is one that has taxed the tax-thinking mind of today to its uttermost. It is extremely hard to get a system of taxation that would work out to the satisfaction of all, as paying taxes is very much like paying for the dead horse—it so appears at least to the great majority of those who have the bills to pay.

I note with much interest that your county employs the services of a timber cruiser to place a proper valuation upon the various holdings of individuals and corporations throughout your county. That is a move in the right direction. It is essentially right that such should be done in order to carry out the provisions of the present system. If the people in the various counties throughout the state of Oregon would pay as much attention to the enforcement of the rules of taxation we now have in force as the people of your county apparently are attempting to do, there would be less complaint.

True, we should not fall in this great forward and progressive period to keep pace with the progress in matters of taxation. We should however be extremely careful that we do not in our haste make the matter worse.

You remark that there is a crying need for the reconstruction of our tax system. As indicated above, I should say, a greater crying need of strict and positive execution of the system we have with some adjustments and additions thereto. We are prone to strike at those who are on the top seats and seem to have the heat of the situation. This is quite natural, yet not consistent with logical reasoning, which should ever be our guide in framing laws. The statesman of today has a greater task before him, providing he does his full duty, than at any time or any period in the past.

The machinery and wheels of our present economic, social and industrial world, are becoming more intricate in their relationship than ever before. A small and apparently unessential part may disturb materially the workings of the whole machine. Therefore, the necessity of the greatest care and intricate study of the physical, sociological and economic elements that have to do with our material, intellectual and social development.

Allow me to compliment you upon the knowledge and interest in public affairs displayed in your letter. It is one among the few of its character, which has reached this office. It has been a source of inspiration, inasmuch as I have felt that in answering it, the fundamental principles upon which good government is founded should furnish the inspiration for the reply.

Our country would be safe and sound as the Rock of Ages if we but had more men of your kind and who display the interest in the welfare of the community in which they live that is to be found in your letter."

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## SUFFRAGISTS MAKE APPEAL

### Argument to be Published in Official Pamphlet Filed by Mrs. Duniway

SALEM, Ore., June 26.—Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, on behalf of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association, has filed with the Secretary of State the argument in favor of the equal suffrage amendment, which will be voted upon at the coming election.

This makes the second argument filed with the Secretary of State in behalf of measures to be put on the ballot, the other being in behalf of the bill creating the office of lieutenant-governor, and which was referred by the last Legislature to a vote of the people. So far 12 measures are on file to be voted on at the election. Petitions for many more are in circulation, and it is expected they will begin to flow rapidly, as they must be filed by July 5.

The argument for the equal suffrage amendment follows:

"The undersigned, representing, as we believe, the large majority of the women of Oregon, are happy to remind you that since we last appealed to you for your affirmative vote for the enfranchisement of one-half the people, we have seen the elective franchise extended to all women on equal terms with men in our sister states of Washington and California.

"We come to you, believing that you will be glad to add Oregon to the constantly increasing number of Equal Suffrage states of the mighty West, thus making the Coast states a solid phalanx at the head of the great procession, and by giving our Coast more power to aid and protect her great and growing interests.

"Suffrage is a duty that should be performed by every citizen of every state, otherwise Democracy is a failure; it is a duty that, if shirked, results in misgovernment, inequality, and injustice. Those who would evade this responsibility, because it may entail labor, simply plead laziness. To call a government a Democracy when half the population is barred from participation in governmental affairs is an absurdity.

"The same arguments used in defense of depriving women of suffrage were used to keep the Romans enslaved, to keep the peasants of Europe in serfdom, to clog the progress of human liberty throughout the ages. The inequality of suffrage has been the basic principle that has ever oppressed humanity.

"There is always an element that resents change. Many a serf fought to prevent freedom and many a slave opposed his own liberation. It should be the obligation of every individual, irrespective of sex, whether householder or not, to have a voice in the making of our laws both civic and national. Liberty and responsibility for both sexes in public affairs will improve the quality by stimulating the study of government. Men and women can never be pitted against each other in government, because nature, which is higher than human law, has fitted them for companionship. They must help men in the uplifting of the world by making democracy and its consequent development, a realized dream. The growth of public sentiment in favor of this movement all around Oregon has been, as you know, phenomenal.

"Believing that our beloved Oregon should and will prove that her progressive spirit is equal to that of the six equal suffrage states surrounding her, and add a seventh star to the galaxy of fully free states, we rest our case with you at the coming election. In the hope that we shall not be compelled again to make this expensive and laborious struggle for equality of rights as voters, we respectfully request you to vote 'Yes' for the equal suffrage constitutional amendment at the coming election.

"THE OREGON STATE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION."

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## GREAT TUNNEL IS COMPLETED

### NOTED STRAWBERRY SHAFT DRIVEN FOR IRRIGATING LARGE AREA IN UTAH.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—"Hole through today." This was the laconic message relayed by telephone from Camp Quinton in the Wasatch Mountains, Utah, and flashed by wire today to the Reclamation Service here. It marked the completion of the Strawberry tunnel, one of the largest and most difficult pieces of engineering work the reclamation service ever has been called upon to undertake.

With one exception this underground waterway tunnel is the largest in the world. Many hard engineering problems had to be overcome in planning it; and great physical endurance was required of the men who carried the work out.

The tunnel pierces the solid rock of one of the highest peaks of the Wasatch Mountains at a point where those eternal hills are more than 20,000 feet through. It will move a good sized stream, the Strawberry River, from one drainage basin to another forty-five miles away. Only 2,000 feet below the snow capped crest of the mountains the tunnel has pierced its rocky way.

To the south and east of Utah lake, in one of the most beautiful valleys in the west, are 60,000 acres of exceedingly fertile land, now only partially productive for lack of water. To transform this valley to a rural settlement, dotted with thriving towns and villages and barred with long rows of fruit trees, the Government engineers have overcome almost unnumbered of obstacles.

Beyond the Wasatch range which rims the valley's eastern border, Strawberry river, for centuries bank full, perhaps, has run uselessly by, its water finally reaching the Gulf of California through the Colorado river. To divert this water from the Colorado drainage basin and turn it into the Utah Valley, the enormous Strawberry tunnel, nearly four miles long, has been bored through the Wasatch mountains. Its cross section measures more than 60 square feet. It is walled and buttressed with timber and lined with cement.

Before construction could begin, thousands of square miles of valley and rough mountain country were surveyed and mapped, and tunnel and canal lines marked out. A telephone line 38 miles long, extending from Spanish Fork to both portals of the tunnel was constructed, and a wagon road from Diamond Switch, the shipping point on the Denver, Rio Grande railroad, to both portals 22 miles long was made. Down in the foothills a diversion dam was thrown across Spanish River and the waters turned into a power canal 3 1/2 miles long, which dropped them through huge pipes on the big turbines 100 feet below. Power thus generated was transmitted electrically to the tunnel site, where it was used to turn the diamond drills in the rock, light the lamps and run the heavy machinery. The surplus has been sold to towns in the valley for municipal and commercial purposes.

The camps are located a mile and a half above sea level, and during several months each winter have been practically isolated from the world, the road blocked by masses of snow and ice. For more than two years the work has gone on without ceasing, three shifts of men alternating during the twenty-four hours of the day and night. Thousands of gallons of water, poisonous gases and swelling ground have made the work difficult and dangerous. The men fled for their lives on several occasions.

In 1910 the work of placing the concrete lining was begun and since has been carried on simultaneously with the excavation of the heading. This required skillful handling of men and material to avoid delay in either feature of the work.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of the undertaking it has been carried to completion without the loss of a single life.

Beyond the tunnel, in the shadow of the granite peaks, a great reservoir is being built. A retaining dam of rock, cement and steel is being built so deep that a six story building might be hidden behind it. Fed by melting snows the waters will rise behind this structure, covering 8,200 acres with 278,000 acre-feet of water.

The valley to be irrigated is especially interesting because it is the scene of the earliest irrigation by Anglo-Saxons in the west. Settled by Brigham Young and his followers in 1847, after their march through more than a thousand miles of unknown territory, peopled with savages, it is the oldest example of community farming by an English-speaking people in the west. For protection against the Indians, the farmers lived in little towns throughout the valley, their houses built close together and facing a common street or square, thus practically forming forts. Some of these old community houses are still standing. The original farms were for the most part not more than 40 or 50 acres in size, which may account to some extent for the early success of agriculture under extremely difficult conditions.

When the storage and distribution system is finished and an ample water supply assured for all time, the valley will support more than a thousand farm homes. Salt Lake City and the nearby mining camps will furnish a home market for many of the products, and three railroad lines which traverse the irrigable area, will furnish unusual transportation facilities to the outside world.