

SINGLE TAX LECTURES

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Mr. McAllister is a thorough and long-time student of the Single Tax issue. He is eloquent and impartial, as well as convincing in his argument.

He will speak at the following places in Coos County on the dates mentioned:

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SINGLE TAX.

Marshfield, Oregon.
Editor Coos Bay Times:
Dear Sir:—Referring to the Contra Single Tax "paid advertisement," in a local paper, under "A warning to the voters of Oregon," What a bungling repetition of mis-statements and contradictions, calculated to mislead some of the possibly unthinking voters of the locality!

It would indeed be a miracle should Coos county fail to vote the single tax if there be many such superficial articles as this spread before the people to read. Aye, and by whom?

Do not coddle yourselves, my dear sirs. It may be a wise man that deceives others, but the fool only deceives himself.

Clearly there is no defense for the present insensate, time-worn, obsolete system of taxation. There is no place for it in modern life.

Fifty million dollars have been transferred from New York city over to New Jersey banks, waiting until the assessor shall have passed by.

This is how "bond-holders, inheritors of great fortunes, bankers,

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I believe in direct presidential primaries.

I believe in the direct vote for United States senators, and until this can be obtained, in Statement No. 1.

If elected I will live up to and enforce all laws, including the Oregon System.

I believe in a revision of the judicial system with a view of simplifying, expediting and cheapening justice.

I believe in and will work for state aid for permanent county roads scientifically built under sound business management.

I will work for such legislation as will open Rogue river to commercial fishing to residents of Curry county.

If elected I will work for the establishment of an experimental agricultural station for Coos and Curry counties, having been one of the first citizens in Coos county to advocate such a move.

I believe that all local questions, such as the establishment of county boundaries, etc., should be left to be settled by vote of the parties in the localities interested.

I favor and will work for the creation of a separate prosecuting attorney district for Coos and Curry counties, for which the people have already asked.

I believe and will work for the adoption of an Industrial Compensation Act, whereby each industry will promptly and automatically compensate all persons injured by its operations, without recourse to the Courts.

I believe in legislation relieving the sheriff's office of the collection of taxes, placing it in the hands of a special officer, also a uniform system of collecting, auditing and handling same in every county throughout the state.

I believe in a reasonable exemption of household and personal effects from taxation, to a valuation of \$500.00.

If elected, I will work for the abolishment of the office of County School Supervisor, as I consider it a useless expenditure of public money.

If elected, I will use my best efforts for the passage of the so-called Blue Sky Law, prohibiting the operation of fake corporations in this state.

If elected, I will refuse to represent any faction and will always aid any resident of the district in any meritorious legislation.

J. O. STEMMLER.
(Paid Advertisement.)

loan sharks, liquor dealers," etc., etc., are taxed under the present property tax system.

Fortunately there are no paid agitators to the single tax, no amount of money could pay them for the buoyed-up energies they put in their work when their bodies are already spent with other necessary labors. Fortunately each community is fighting its own battle, where its own interests lie. It is essentially a measure by and for the people.

Every farmer or home owner's taxes will be decreased under the single tax. A taxpayer with a home and six lots vacant will pay less in taxes under the single tax than he does under the general property tax.

The single tax in countries where it has been tried, proven and still in existence, with every prospect of remaining, has given and does give one-half more in taxes than its advocates claim for it. Think of this, Mr. Farmer and Home Owner! When there is a surplus of taxes in the treasury, will your taxes be decreased or not? When they begin to improve and sell the idle lands to decrease their tax, such as will let many of you on the land to improve it for present owners, and own some of it yourselves, will there be better wages, shorter hours, more work, more jobs and fewer men for them or not, do you think? Do you see why the land is kept from you? Can a community fail to boom with permanent improvements?

The general property tax is wrong and unjust in every sense and nothing but good can come to all individuals and communities from the single tax.

Quoting this local paper's paid advertisement, E. R. A. Seligman's "Essays on Taxation," let me tell you what Professor Seligman of Columbia University, New York, says of the general property tax.

"It puts a premium on dishonesty and debauches the public conscience. It reduces deception to a system and makes a defense of knavery. It presses hardest on those least able to pay. It imposes double taxation on one man and grants immunity to the next. In short, the general property tax is so flagrantly inequitable that its retention can only be explained through ignorance or inertia. It is the cause of such crying injustice that its alteration or abolition must become the battle cry of every statesman or reformer."

But it were folly to continue, the question is not even debatable. Those who are opposed to the high cost of living, indirect robbery and domestic unhappiness, should vote for the single tax, No. X 365—Yes.

And vote no on all tax measures appearing on the ballot next month, excepting only the county single tax and the statewide graduated single tax measures. These two latter are to create the modern system of taxation and in proportion as the other tax measures pass, so will the object of the sin-

gle tax measures be delayed or defeated.

C. H. M'LAUGHLIN.
INSPIRES MUSE.

Pugilistic Encounter Causes an Outburst of Poetry.

The following was received by The Times this morning and while this paper cannot endorse the views expressed it is given as one point of view.

Bull Moose Mixup.

Editor Times:
Front street was the place and mat, To finish up a progressive chat; Principals were Crossen and Hoy, Both out for Teddy, dear Teddy boy.

It's like Teddy, they are with their blarney and gab, Playing to the gallery, calling each other a scab; Making fun for the crowd, who hollered with glee; Let 'em fight, let 'em fight; they're progressive you see.

They sparred and clinched, then fell in a heap, Crossen he wriggled, on top Hoy crept; The crowd grew larger, kept yelling for more, While the two fools pumelled, made each other sore.

When Cox came up, he stopped their fun, Then Mulloy and others said this is bum;

To stop the sport? Have them kiss and make up? Let their progressiveness die like a good little pup.

Hully gee! I say, if the referee had only been The prominent sea-captain, Progressive Macgenn;

His Scotch would have boiled up his Teedylism soared, He'd a-raged and a-cussed because neither one scored.

It's progressive he is, famous Captain Macgenn, Ready of wit, growling and chin, But, oh, you progressives go holler and shout, You're bound to get licked in the November bout.

Changeable Teddy, four-flushing and grinning, Woodrow Wilson will do your skimming;

You'll be like curdled blue milk, hot water without steam, For grand old Woodrow will get your cream.

—A SPECTATOR.

FROM AFRICA TO CAST SHOE; MAY MARRY NOW

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 10.—From Johannesburg, South Africa, to Louisville, Ky., is the journey made by Mrs. Ellen Horvitz, a widow whose home is at the former place, that she might participate in the ceremony of casting the shoe, prescribed in the book of Deuteronomy for childless widows before they are free to marry any other than a brother of the deceased husband.

According to the Biblical direction, Mrs. Horvitz yesterday went to the home of her brother-in-law, Y. Horvitz, where the ceremony was performed under the supervision of a rabbi. Horvitz put on a sandal, and, after announcing that he did not wish to wed his sister-in-law, permitted her to remove it, she reciting the while: "So shall it be done unto the man who will not build up his brother's house, and his name shall be called in Israel, 'the house of him who hath his shoe loosened.'" The ceremony, concluded in this way, according to the ancient custom, left the widow free to marry whom she chose. Y. Horvitz, the brother-in-law, is married.

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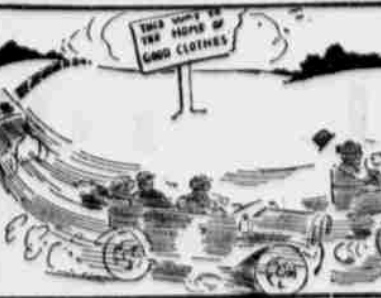
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