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### Remedy Inequable Taxation.

"A question of vital importance to the people of Oregon at the present time is the question of taxation. There is a wide-spread feeling, in which I concur, that the burdens of taxation in this state have in the past been inequitably distributed. The support of the government in all of its various branches has fallen for the most part on the owners of real estate. I believe that the policy of our laws should be to increase the revenues of the state from indirect taxation and the taxation and the taxation of intangible properties to the end that real estate may ultimately be free from taxation for state purposes. This result has been reached in some of the commonwealths of the union and the time will come when a similar result can be reached in Oregon. I believe in the taxation of franchises. A franchise in property is just as real a sense as a farm.

### Favors Taxing Franchises.

"I believe in the taxation of franchises in Oregon which are more productive than any hundred farms. I know of no reason why a farm should be taxed and a franchise should escape taxation. I am opposed to the granting of perpetual franchises and favor a general law depriving municipalities of the power to grant franchises for more than a stated period of years. There is a wide-spread belief that franchises in the past have been secured by debauching city councils and paying to the granting compensation which rightfully belongs to the people.

"I believe that with every franchise the owner of the franchise to pay to the public a proportionate part of the earnings from year to year, by way of compensation for the special privileges granted. Where a franchise has been unfairly secured from the people or where it has been improvidently granted the people should repossess themselves of such franchise by the revocations thereof when possible or by the exercise of eminent domain if necessary.

### Perpetual Franchises Bad.

"In this connection I will say that I believe every perpetual franchise is improvidently granted for the reason that the conditions of today are not the conditions of tomorrow. Provisions which protect the interest of the people of today may be totally inadequate a few years hence. Public utilities I believe are best administered by private interest rather than public servants, for in the latter case self interest, the greatest of incentives, is lacking and thriftless and unbusinesslike methods

will surely, sooner or later prevail. A public utility is a public asset and the interest of the public therein should reserve control over all public utility franchises to the extent necessary to ensure the greatest efficiency of the public service at the least expense, subject only to the right of capital to be justly compensated for its investment. The vast resources of our State call for the investment of capital for their development.

### Treat Capital and Labor Alike.

"It is necessary that our laws should be conceived in a spirit of fairness and should hold out to capital the assurance that its just and honest claims will be safeguarded. It is certainly possible to so frame our laws that they will guard every interest of the people and at the same time by their justice and moderation lend no sense of insecurity to the capital which we invite to aid in the upbuilding of our state.

"In all of these matters, however, caution and good judgment are necessary. It is easy by a wild-cat system of legislation to alarm the cautious investor. Unwise and inflammatory laws enacted in Oregon at the present time would do much to check the investment of foreign capital and the starting of new enterprises which now promise additional employment to labor and additional prosperity to the people. A wise system of taxation is never conceived in passion or fathered by prejudice. It is the first duty of a government to be just to all persons. I heartily concur in the sentiment of the president that every man is entitled to a square deal. If I am the dealer he shall have it.

### Abolish Needless Expenditures.

"There is a demand for legislation for the supervision of private banks. The ordinary depositor has not the means of investigating the solvency of private banking institutions and it is wise that laws should be passed providing for a system of reports from state and private banks, akin to the information now exacted by federal government from national banks. I am opposed to the creation of needless offices. The burdens of the taxpayer are sufficiently heavy at present. They should not be increased without good cause being shown. I believe that the office of state land agent should be abolished. The lands of the State of Oregon have been for the most part disposed of and the properties which the state now owns can be properly looked after.

### Cheap Transportation.

"Every legitimate means should be employed by the state to facilitate the transportation of the products of our various industrial enterprises. One of the greatest problems effecting the general prosperity of our people is cheap transportation. The natural waterways of the state should be made available for unobstructed transportation at the earliest possible date. The tribute exacted from the products of our farms, mills and factories at the Oregon City locks should be abolished. By a persistent and united effort on the part of our people this barrier to competitive transportation can be removed. This will mean added value to every pound of hops, every bushel of grain and to every other commercial commodity tributary to this waterway. The portage railroad at Celilo should be made as near canal conditions as practicable. The lowest possible freight rate only should be exacted. In this way a great system of transportation can be built up in the upper Columbia and its tributaries, thus stimulating production and adding to the prosperity of our people over an immense area of our commonwealth.

### Good Roads.

"Nothing will add more to the prosperity and happiness of our rural population than will good public highways. It is unnecessary at this time to enter into details but suffice it to say that I believe the state should give substantial assistance to the betterment of our public highways. Instead of our convicts being brought into competition with the honest skilled labor of law-abiding citizens they should be employed upon the roads. That prison labor in the construction of roads is a success has been fully demonstrated by Multnomah county. With a well organized co-operative effort on the part of the state and the various counties it is confidently believed that within a few years arterial progress will have been made toward a better system of public highways throughout the state.

### Serve the People.

"The governor of Oregon should be the servant of the people. The people should have his ear and it should be his endeavor to serve the people. If I should be elected governor it will be my endeavor to administer the office along these lines. I shall invite suggestions from the people on all matters relating to the public welfare and shall endeavor to administer the office with justice to all and special privileges to none.

"In conclusion, I commend to the consideration of the voters of the state the other candidates of the Republican party. They have all been nominated

by direct vote of the people. The primary has afforded an opportunity for a fair expression of the popular will. The primary law is on trial in this campaign. If the candidates of the majority party are defeated at the polls the primary law will be discredited and there will be an agitation for its repeal. "For these reasons, and also because of my respect for my associates on the Republican ticket. I call upon all Republicans in the State to support them at the polls. Oregon has been one of the banner Republican states of the Union. Let it prove itself so at the coming election and let our majority be so large that it will announce to the world most emphatically that the people of Oregon have confidence in that matchless leader of the Republican party—Theodore Roosevelt."

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