

WOULD EXEMPT BUILDER AND TOILET ROOM TAXES

Oregon Tax Reform Association Urges Commercial and Business Organizations to Support Proposed Measures Regulating Assessments.

Two constitutional amendments have been formulated by the Oregon Tax Reform Association which is now urging the commercial and business organizations of the state to come to the support of the proposed measures and secure their adoption by the people at the next election.

One of the amendments provides that all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes shall be exempt from taxation. The second amendment provides that all dwellings, houses, sheds, outbuildings, and other improvements appurtenant to any dwelling, all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such, orchards, crops and livestock, household furniture in use, and tools owned and in use by a mechanic shall be exempt from taxation.

Members of the central committee of the association who are behind the proposed amendment are H. D. Wagon, H. W. Stone, A. D. Criddle, F. W. Burnett, Lewis Bowman, A. M. Himes, A. P. Nelson, C. E. Wood, E. S. J. McAllister, E. C. Protzman and A. E. Clark.

Circular letters have been sent out urging the favorable consideration of the two amendments. In treating the amendment exempting buildings from taxation the association says:

Help Development.
"Oregon needs manufacturers to up-build and invest within her borders. Baltimore, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina, New Zealand, Manitoba and other municipalities and commonwealths have demonstrated that capital is eagerly invested where it is not subjected to taxation when put into machinery and buildings. The above amendment has been carefully drawn by a number of the best legal practitioners in the state. That it will carry, is the opinion of nearly every man to whom it has so far been submitted."

"Practical men have given it as their opinion, that this proposed amendment, if put in operation, would, within three years, double the amount of capital invested in Oregon in manufacturing enterprises, and bring thousands of people to settle throughout the state. "If Oregon is to develop manufacturing they should be encouraged. At present Oregon punishes a firm more for maintaining a wealth distributing population making factory than it does the man who maintains a nuisance or commits a misdemeanor. Every year it punishes the man who encourages and instead of a public benefactor. Other communities have learned to do better. New Zealand not only exempts manufacturing from local taxation, but improvements and personal property as well with the result that it is attracting capital and labor from all over the globe to develop its natural opportunities, in the aggregate far inferior to ours."

CONSPIRACY TO DEFEAT BRYAN

Favorite Sons Coached in Various States to Enter Presidential Race.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Oct. 7.—Quite as well marked a conspiracy has been formed to defeat W. J. Bryan for the Democratic nomination as that which was denounced from the White House last spring in which it was claimed that a \$5,000,000 fund had been subscribed to defeat the policies of President Roosevelt. This conspiracy comprehends intense activity in many states from New York to the southernmost commonwealth, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Favorite sons are being coached in every state where may be found a man of whose name will not excite ridicule, and it is well known here that it is the definite purpose of the "conspirators" to carry to the national Democratic convention just as many state delegations as possible pledged to favorite sons. These, if possible, will be united on some anti-Bryan candidate and the overthrow of the Nebraskaan thus accomplished.

This is not to assert that every favorite son movement is due to the originating influence of those who have formed the so-called conspiracy. Some of them are in good faith. But it is to aver that the favorite son loyalty of the people is to be played on by those who have determined that Mr. Bryan shall not be



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OREGON'S COAL SUPPLY RECORD

Statistics Showing Percentage of Production of Mines of Country.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Oct. 7.—Oregon comes twenty-sixth in the list of 28 states which produce coal, although large deposits of coal are known to exist there. Its proportion is only 0.1 per cent of the total. Washington produces 0.8 per cent, and California ranks with Oregon as does Idaho. Pennsylvania leads with 48 per cent, although in the past five years it has decreased from its former relative position of mining largely in excess of 50 per cent. The production by states is:

Rank	State or Territory	Quantity produced (short tons)	Per cent of total
1	Pennsylvania	71,282,411	17.2
2	West Virginia	129,293,206	31.2
3	Illinois	43,290,350	10.6
4	Ohio	11,480,194	2.8
5	Alabama	27,731,640	6.7
6	Indiana	13,107,962	3.2
7	Colorado	12,092,650	2.9
8	Kentucky	10,111,218	2.4
9	Iowa	9,653,647	2.3
10	Tennessee	7,266,224	1.8
11	Wyoming	6,258,275	1.5
12	Kansas	6,183,994	1.5
13	Maryland	6,024,775	1.5
14	Virginia	5,435,453	1.3
15	Missouri	4,254,879	1.0
16	Washington	3,758,008	.9
17	Indian Territory	3,276,184	.8
18	New Mexico	2,849,200	.7
19	Arkansas	1,964,713	.5
20	Montana	1,864,268	.5
21	Idaho	1,829,921	.4
22	Utah	1,722,851	.4
23	Michigan	1,346,338	.3
24	Texas	1,212,873	.3
25	Georgia	322,167	.08
26	North Dakota	305,689	.07
27	Oregon	79,731	.02
28	California	20,831	.01
29	Alaska	20,831	.01
30	Idaho	20,831	.01
Total		414,157,278	100.0

organized opposition will strive to make his nomination impossible.

Government ownership and his rather unexplained mixing of state rights and federal concentration doctrines will constitute the elements of weakness of Bryan before the people. Doubt as to his honesty of purpose, his intense desire to conserve the people's rights, anxiety to force the forward movement, patriotism and high thinking will not seize the popular mind. Apparently, the hot polio believe in his sincerity and this explains why, for instance, so many southerners who are unalterably opposed to government ownership and who stand for a reversion to a more pronounced regime of state rights remain loyal to Mr. Bryan.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota has not balked large yet on the Democratic horizon. Governor Folk seems not to have captured the popular imagination outside his own state. Judge Clegg of Delaware fails to start the popular pulse throbbing. Lieutenant-Governor Chandler of New York appears to be a make-shift. Judson Harmon of Ohio does not prove to be a strong drawing power. Indeed, Bryan apparently remains the idol of the Democracy, and his nomination the safest guess at this juncture.

IDAHO SALARY CASE ARGUED THIS WEEK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Boise, Ida., Oct. 7.—Some time ago action was brought by the seven district judges of the state to compel the state auditor to issue warrants for their salaries at the rate provided by the last legislature. A demurrer was filed by Attorney-General Guheen in behalf of the state and the matter was put over until the term of the supreme court to be held at Lewiston this week, at which time the case will be argued. Jess B. Hawley of this city is counsel for the plaintiffs.

LITTLE HOPE FOR AUTO ACCIDENT VICTIM

(Pacific Coast Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Oct. 7.—Physicians at the bedside of James F. Wilson, who with E. Vandevanter, Senator Fred Eldredge and Senator Lincoln Davis was injured in an automobile accident on First avenue south, September 14, declare there is little or no hope for the recovery of the patient and his death is expected momentarily.

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