

WILL FORCE FARMERS TO BEAR BURDEN OF TAXES

Amendment to Constitution Proposed by Oregon Tax Reform Association Would Exempt Millionaire Manufacturers and Compel Tillers of Soil to Pay Taxes.

Camb., Or., Jan. 13.—The Oregon Tax Reform Association, Portland, Oregon, gentlemen—I note your open letter to me which appeared in today's Oregonian, advancing arguments in favor of your proposed constitutional amendment exempting all manufacturing plants in this state from taxation.

First, permit me to state that I did not charge specifically that your intention was to conceal your purpose to exempt from taxation all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, but declared that if you intended this clause to apply to farm machinery and buildings, you should reveal these purposes and correct them.

I am glad that you have made your purpose clear, and that every voter in the state can decide for himself whether he desires such a law. I am assured by many who have already signed this petition, however, that they did not detect the real purpose and intent of the measure, thinking it was drafted in the interest of the farmer and small property owner, who desire exemption from paying taxes on their household furniture, machinery and workmen's tools. I believe that since the limelight has been turned on this clause many who have signed the initiative petition will change their minds before it is submitted to a vote. If the initiative petition secures the requisite number of signatures.

Taxing the Farms.
In your circular published in the Oregonian of Saturday, January 11, and the Journal of Sunday, January 12, you advance six reasons why the owners of real property should pay more taxes for the support and maintenance of the state government. You state, first, that a tax upon all the things you propose to exempt is a tax upon industry, and has always been shifted upon labor, that a tax is a fine that tends to restrict and obstruct improvements of all kinds, as well as discourages industry, that farmers of Oregon are neglecting to improve their premises because if they plant a barn or install modern farm machinery the tax assessor will increase the valuation of these improvements many times their real cost in time, labor and money, that a tax on a premium being placed on shiftlessness, and that the farms are valued for tax purposes at from 20 to 50 per cent less than they would be with these desirable improvements.

Every farmer in this state with enough intelligence to properly exercise the right of suffrage knows that a stipulated sum of money is required annually to defray the expenses of the state. Would he benefit by exempting the manufacturer and shifting the burden of taxation on his real estate holdings?

Would Double Farm Values?
The result of this exemption would be the doubling of assessments on all farm property in Oregon, because the state must and will have the money necessary to defray government expenses. The management of the state government is not unlike that of any private business. If I were to close one department of my publishing plant that had been a source of revenue I would be compelled to increase the earning capacity of some other department in order to defray expenses.

Oregon is an agricultural state, and the burden of taxation now falls on the farmer, and while your measure would make it necessary to increase the valuation of the land, it would not increase the tax valuations, but would increase the importance of making Oregon a manufacturing state. I believe that every inducement should be held out to secure manufacturing, and I believe we shall secure them as rapidly as eastern capital can see the opportunity. A man shape of the ton mile rate market outlets. But I do not believe that the state of Oregon should subsidize them by granting them exemption from taxation.

Assessors at Fault.
Your reference to the vacant lots, covered with tin cans and ungainly shacks, "fit dens for gambling and other vices," is begging the question, and has no bearing on the point at issue. There is just as much vice in the gilded palace as there is in the shack and the tawdry alley you refer to, and more, because in the former those who indulge in these vices are amply protected from the public gaze, and in some instances afforded immunity by officers of the law. Vice is not a matter of location or physical environment.

Your statement that these property owners are fined, i. e. taxed, for their negligent citizen who believes in self-government, which implies the obligation of every man paying his share of taxes for the support of that government.

I agree with you that land speculators take advantage of the investment of capital to boost land values on the market and minimize its value when the tax assessor comes around. But that is the fault of the assessor and the board of equalization. I dare say there are very few property owners in the state who would voluntarily come forward with their share of taxes if the matter were not brought to their attention. But we elect and pay tax assessors for this purpose. To get at the root of

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DENIES FIGURES OF LUMBERMEN

According to N. P. Traffic Man, Roads are Really Philanthropists.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Jan. 15.—J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific railway company, in the Post-Intelligencer says: "The lumbermen know that we tried to agree with them, but they were not willing to consent to any revision of the tariff, but insisted upon a 40 cent rate to the Missouri river, and the courts will disregard everything but the facts. These facts have been grossly misrepresented to the public. For instance, the lumbermen have extensively circulated the statement that in 1906 they paid our company \$25,000,000 in freight charges on 5,000,000 tons of lumber, and that their payments exceeded our total operating expense to the extent of \$4,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1906."

"Those who love the truth will be interested in knowing that the lumber products shipped to eastern points covered by the tariffs in dispute in that period, on which we do not do more than \$3,058,539.95, which was exactly 13.33 per cent of our total earnings and less than 25 per cent of our operating expenses. Although representing 33.55 per cent of total ton miles, the ton mile rate on these lumber and shingle shipments was less than half the ton mile rate charged on all other business. These facts were all brought out in the testimony at Washington in the case of the interstate commerce commission and the interstate commerce commission are obliged to take into consideration all of the facts and things that have been in the habit of considering when we fix the rates. It has been our practice to make rates according to commercial conditions, without much regard to possible comparison with other rates, whereas the state and federal authorities cannot fix the price of railroad service in one case without to a greater or less extent fixing the price of service in every other case, and this is why their work is so difficult."

"For this reason we have never understood why the coast shippers should be anxious to have their rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission, the rates on coast business being relatively low."

JUDGE POINDEXTER OUT FOR CONGRESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Jan. 15.—I shall resign to make a great campaign for congress, Judge Miles Poindexter, of the Spokane superior court, has declared, in an announcement made at a public meeting from the Third district. "The vital material interests affecting the Third district are the opening of the Columbia river and the irrigation of our arid lands, both of which I shall be zealous to promote."

New Express Rates.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 15.—The new schedule of express rates of the railroad companies, which was recently agreed upon by the board of railway commissioners and the express companies doing business in Missouri, goes into effect today. It rounds figures the schedule provides for an average reduction of 21 per cent.

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SHOOTS GIRL TO PROVE HIS LOVE

San Francisco Man Fatally Wounds Sweetheart Then Takes His Own Life.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Because she had spurned his love and rejected his offer of marriage, George Bruce, 37 years of age and employed as a special messenger, shot and perhaps fatally wounded Thelma Burton, 19 years old, at the Hotel Raleigh, during the evening of her chum, Ann Allen, who was falling madly in love with her. Last week Miss Burton, who was employed in Oakland, lost her position and at the request of her chum, Ann Allen, went to live at the Raleigh hotel with her until she procured work. Yesterday as the girls were preparing to go downtown Bruce met them in the hallway and without a word fired three shots at Miss Burton, one going through her hat and another entering her right eye, severing the optic nerve. The third shot entered her shoulder, penetrating her lung. Bruce then turned the revolver upon himself. He cannot recover.

WETS AND DRYS IN ACCORD AT ELECTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 15.—The most peculiar municipal election ever held in Oregon occurred Monday and it is thought, marks the era of a new dawn—the peace of the "wets" and the "dry" whose bitter and dogged fight has lasted almost since the incorporation of this city.

THE DALLES ANXIOUS TO GET NEW LIBRARY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Jan. 15.—Renewed interest in the Carnegie library to be built here has come since the forwarding of the architect's plans to Andrew Carnegie's secretary for approval. The edifice will be erected in the city park and will cost \$10,000. The city council has voted to meet the maintenance expenses of the library and has decided to appropriate \$1,000 annually. In fact this was necessary to meet the condition as presented by the steel magnate and library builder.

Manitoba Grain Growers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Brandon, Man., Jan. 15.—The annual convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association began here today with a large and representative attendance. During the three days of the convention many questions affecting the producing and marketing of grain will be discussed.

Bryan Dollar Dinner.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 15.—Democratic oratory will flow freely in the Auditorium tonight on the occasion of the dollar dinner in honor of William J. Bryan. The Democratic state central committee of Nebraska has been making preparations for the affair for several weeks.

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THIRD-RAIL HARMLESS AS A SHOESTRING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—A new third rail system for propelling electric cars was tested on a specially prepared track at Beverly hills, near this city, yesterday, and proved a success. The experiment was witnessed by representatives of Los Angeles transportation companies and may be adopted here. The inventor, Timothy Maloney, a resident of this city, propelled a car at the rate of 25 miles an hour, and claims that it could have attained twice that speed.

Rush to Hear Tetraxini.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 15.—Every seat has been sold for the performance of "Tetraxini" at the Manhattan opera house tonight, in which Mme. Tetraxini is to make her first appearance in America. Mme. Tetraxini is the new coloratura soprano who recently created such a furore in London.

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