

BRIEF ANALYSIS OF TAX EXEMPTION AMENDMENT

General Aim Said to Be the Release of Industry and Improvements From the Repression of Excessive Taxation—Digest by Tax Reform Association.

Portland, Feb. 21.—To the State Press—Answering requests for a concise statement, the Oregon Tax Reform Association submits this analysis of the tax exemption amendment. Its general aim is to release industry and improvements from the oppressive pressure of taxation.

First—Exempts dwellings. Every new home strengthens our state. The present law encourages gambling in homesites until a good site costs as much as a comfortable dwelling. The demand that the savings of years be given up for the mere chance to build necessitates postponement and congests population.

Second—Real estate agents will find plenty to do bringing together the "land poor" man who finds withholding from him unprofitable, with the homeseeker who can and will gladly pay the tax when the speculative value has thus been squeezed from the purchase price, and the house he builds and everything in it will be exempt.

Third—Exempts farm production and improvements. The farmer, insulating his tax-paying dwelling, always pays on everything of his own, while the bulk of the wealth drained from farms to cities eludes the assessor. Farm belongings are not of the nature to be concealed. Constituting less than 25 per cent of the population, farmers have been paying more than 50 per cent of the state taxes, and the supreme court has now abolished the customary \$300 exemption. Let farmers compare the assessment of vacant and improved farms with that of their improved farms which make that vacant land valuable. Compare taxes paid per acre by land grants with that of improved farms. But while dwellings and farm improvements are subject to taxes, farmers will pay, and railroads and city

franchises will not. The only way for farmers to have anything exempt is to exempt it open and above board by law.

Fourth—Manufacturing exempt. Manufacturers everywhere agree that manufacturing will be stimulated, thus creating a home market for Oregon farmers—not in Massachusetts, but in Oregon.

Fifth—Workingmen's tools exempt. Increased competition for workers in factory, farm and building trades will reverse the present order where the only competition is that of workers against each other for jobs.

Sixth—Benefits merchant. Vacant lots and land grants buy no dry goods and groceries. With raw material worked up at home, freights would be saved, workers would have more wages to spend and there would be more workers, and producing farmers would take the place of idle speculators, reflecting their prosperity in that of business in general. Oregon's enterprising merchants will never object to so greatly stimulate production by shifting the tax upon public made values of franchises and vacant lands.

Seventh—The banker. It will give our bankers a chance to loan our millions of deposits on legitimate enterprise instead of on speculative schemes discounting the future—in short, give money to industries and not to speculation.

Eighth—It will discourage grabbing for holdup purposes, just ahead of industry, of our unsurpassed natural resources, and make more profitable the employment of the able brains of our public service corporations in their proper business as common carriers.

Ninth—Thus the amendment is opposed only to his interests who fences natural opportunity away from labor, and to such a one it opens the pleasing prospect of getting down from the fence and becoming a useful citizen.

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ROOMS OF CITY'S SICK WILL BE FILLED WITH ROSES FIESTA WEEK

Organization of the young people of the Portland churches for the purpose of systematic distribution of roses and other flowers to the sick of the city will occur tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal church. Delegates from every church in the city, and an official representative from the Rose Carnival management, will be present, a call having been issued by the cabinet of the Sunnyside Epworth League chapter. The cabinet, including Dr. T. B. Ford, the pastor, will attend in a body.

The idea of distributing flowers to every sick man, woman and child in Portland, so far as possible, was brought before the cabinet of Sunnyside Epworth league and met with enthusiastic support. It was decided by a vote of the entire chapter to invite delegates from every Portland church, and invitations will be elected for carrying on the novel work. It is believed that it will be possible for the young people to reach practically every afflicted person in Portland during the Rose Carnival, and to deliver to each a bouquet daily.

Official endorsement of the plan has already been given by the Rose Carnival management, and arrangements will be made whereby the young people will work in conjunction with the Carnival association.

Dr. Ketter in chapel remarked that there would be just two representatives of the college present at the ball—he, who never learned to dance, and Professor Hay, who did not care to learn it. Professor Ketter stationed himself at the entrance to the ballroom. Men and women guests passed the ever-watchful college president, but not a student entered the room through the main entrance. He did not desert his post, and at midnight a lunch was sent him.

While the professor was guarding the entrance, the young collegians procured a ladder, and placing it to one of the windows, about a dozen of the young women students climbed up to the top and were soon in the ballroom. They were followed by their escorts and they were soon in the gay whirl.

After satisfying himself that none of the students had entered the hall, the president of the college went home. This morning he was greatly surprised to learn that over a score of the students had attended the dance. He is trying to ascertain who they were and if he secures sufficient evidence against them, expulsions will likely follow.

HELD UP CAR LINE FOR DYING WOMAN

Policeman Would Not Allow Female Passenger to Be Moved to Street.

New York, Feb. 22.—Because Policeman Thomas F. O'Connor of the traffic squad had not the heart to hustle a dying woman from a trolley car into the street for an ambulance to pick her up there was a blockade lasting more than an hour on the Thirty-fourth street cross-town line last night.

Miss Teresa Lever, gray haired and 60, living at No. 524 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, boarded one of the cross-town cars at the Long Island ferry depot shortly after 6 o'clock. It had reached Third avenue when Policeman Charles Ross of the East Eighth street station saw her gasp for breath. He told the motorman to run the car as fast as possible to a drug store on Thirty-fourth street, diagonally opposite the Waldorf-Astoria.

When the car was halted at the Waldorf, Policeman O'Connor rode up, and when told that a woman was unconscious in the car, ordered Ross to send to Bellevue hospital for an ambulance. The motorman impatiently asked O'Connor to have Miss Lever taken into the drug store.

"Not a bit of it," said O'Connor. "This woman looks to me to be dying. She will stay where she is until the ambulance comes."

Cars began to line up behind the one in which Miss Lever lay. The conductor implored O'Connor to let his car move on.

"If you dare to start this car," retorted the policeman, "I'll arrest both you and the motorman."

Just as the ambulance arrived Miss Lever breathed her last.

"Now take her out and we'll move along," yelled the motorman, and O'Connor rushed to the conductor. His face was livid with rage.

"You will not leave here," declared the policeman, "until I have seen for a patrol wagon to take this woman's body away."

Inspectors of the car line expostulated with O'Connor, but he was resolute. Guests of the Waldorf crowded the sidewalk and commented O'Connor for his nerve. When a patrol from the West Thirtieth street police station drew up O'Connor helped lift the body to the wagon. Then he waved his hand to the conductor and said:

"Now you can move on. She's out of your way."

FINE REDWOOD TREE IN PORTLAND YARD



One of the few redwood trees growing in this part of the country is a magnificent specimen which stands in the front yard of the old Barkins place, at Fourth and Sherman streets. The redwood is about 70 feet in height and was planted more than 25 years ago.

G. BERNARD SHAW SAYS HE'S A FREAK

In Lecture on Himself, Author Tells Audience He Is Unreal.

London, Feb. 22.—George Bernard Shaw, speaking on George Bernard Shaw, is always at his best. He appears this week in a semi-serious diatribe, in which he describes himself as a delightful journalist and a waster of paradoxes on diet, the austerity of which would shame the saints themselves. He says:

"The celebrated G. B. S. is about as real as a pantomime artist, but I have played my game with the consciousness that I have never pretended that G. B. S. was real. I have over and over again taken him to pieces before an audience, to show the trick, and even those who, despite that, cannot escape the illusion to regard G. B. S. as a freak."

"The whole point of the creature is that he is unique, inimitable and undesirable on any large scale, utterly unlike anybody who ever existed before, hopelessly unnatural and void of real passion. Clearly such a monster could do us harm, were an example of evil, which he never is."

RICH ORES FOUND IN PANAMA CANAL STRIP

Consulting Pennsylvania Geologist's Analyses Indicate Big Discovery.

Harrisburg, Feb. 21.—Ores containing gold, silver and copper have been found in the celebrated Culebra cut of the Panama canal. This has been ascertained by chemical investigation at the laboratory of Colonel H. C. Demming, consulting state geologist, in this city.

Three lots of the ore were sent here for determination, and in every one of the three metals were found, one of the samples being considerably richer in the precious metals than the others. Larger quantities are to be shipped to ascertain what the profits will be when ores are properly worked up in bulk.

Geologists who are familiar with the Panama isthmus have for years looked upon the backbone of the rich mineral belt of North and South America.

Renewed Activity.

Movement in Peninsula Property Seems to Warrant Great Predictions.

The picture of greater Portland in prospect on another page in the fond hope of W. M. Killingsworth. While to many this will probably be an exaggeration, yet it is the firm belief of the pioneer of the peninsula that it will become literally true at no great distant day. Mr. Killingsworth's great faith in Portland and especially that the peninsula will become the New York of the Pacific coast, is becoming firmer and firmer as the extensive railroad systems and the Swift packing plant and other prospective enterprises appear on the horizon and become bigger and bigger as the months go by. Judging by the enhancing values of peninsula property it would appear that there is justification for great predictions for the strip of land between the river and the railroads, who had the property on the market a few months ago at \$1,000 an acre, recently doubled his figures and finally withdrew it from the market last Friday on account of the sharp activity in peninsula real estate.

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