

CHAS. H. SHIELDS IS ASKED TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS

Writer in Open Letter Puts Some Pertinent Queries Answering Man's Published Views on Taxation Issue.

To Charles H. Shields:
I have read with much interest your letter in the Oregonian. I would address you through the same channel but am deterred because of my opinions. As you assume the position of a great teacher on the question of taxation it seems proper to consult you for instruction. As you have told us that a system of land value taxation is all wrong, you will no doubt take pleasure in answering a few simple questions on the subject. Kindly answer them in the spirit in which they are asked that the truth may appear more clearly to those who are interested in the prosperity of our state.

Do you not believe that while man remained a savage there was no value in or attached to land? And no public revenue needed or required? That when civilization came, and not till then, appeared what we now call land value? Did not civilization, government, begin the promotion and creation of land value? Did not this come by the action of man in the mass? Does not the growth of population continually increase land values in exact proportion to the high or low condition of civilized society?

True Meaning of Land.
Does not the term, land, include all natural resources of the earth over which man is given dominion by the creator? Oil, iron, coal, copper, water power, transportation facilities, etc.? Does not Henry George in his teachings propose a tax, not on land area, but on value in proportion to the revenue remaining after satisfying the demands of labor in its cultivation or development? That value which is alone the direct creation of society? Do you deny the existence of a Divinely ordained or natural law for the progress and development of man toward a higher and still higher civilization? Working out the divine will of justice and righteousness which to violate is to suffer? And if persisted in will destroy any nation or civilization? Do we not, as a nation, hear this warning today from our wisest and greatest through the press, the platform and from every intelligent and unmuzzled pulpit? Will you deny that less than 3 per cent of the men of our nation control the price of all the products of toil, and ninety per cent of the value of all the natural resources in use or held for speculation? Should not those who hold and control these vast resources, made valuable by a high condition of civilization and great population, whose benefit thereby runs into the hundreds of millions of unearned wealth, restore for social service a just proportion of this community created wealth to its rightful owners, society? Do you deny to the individual the right to own the thing he creates or fashions from the material of passive nature?

Do you deny to society the right to own the thing it creates in passive nature, land value? Is this not its only just source of revenue, without which it is unable to perform its functions of service to the units of society and must decline toward barbarism? Do you contend that society, under direction of man-made law may invade with impunity the right of the unprivileged and weak, taking by violence, if need be, the thing his exhausting toil has produced?

Question of Equity.
Do you believe that men who uphold the present system of taxation should claim to be good citizens? Can any intelligent man who believes in equity or feels the impulse of a Christian spirit do ought but denounce our robber devised system of taxation to the poor but the rich who ride on his back? Is not the question of equity, the most important side of this problem? and, will it not settle the fiscal question also? Do you believe it for their interest financially or otherwise for the rich few to persist in their disregard of the teachings and warnings of history and the claims of justice? With the rumblings of revolution continually heard in our midst and the fate of ancient Rome rising to our vision? Do you think our nation more secure than was Rome? Are we not resting on like foundations of wealth, greed, exploitation, crime, violence, poverty and starvation?

Settle It With Ballot.
What next must appear in the natural order of our decline through debauchery and shame toward oblivion, but the last leap, revolution? Or, shall we right our ship of state on an even keel, hoist the great mainsail of justice to the kiss of nature's pure and invigorating breezes and with good will and cooperation for our chart and compass, square away under full sail and a fair wind toward prosperity and peace, leaving poverty, starvation and revolution forgotten forever as we voyage toward that of which poets have sung, prophets foretold and all Christendom have prayed for?

Revolution never settles any question. It is destruction; I do not want it; do you? Should we not settle this question at the ballot box? Settle it now and avert revolution? Which shall we have? Which do you want, my brother? Choose for this day, ye whom ye will serve; the people will surely answer these questions soon; what is your answer now?

ALANSON M. HIMES.

BOY DEAD; TWO OTHERS DYING AS RESULT OF EATING RAW POTATO

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Arbuckle, Cal., June 5.—Lawrence Bernard, 5, is dead today, and his sister, Bessie, 2, and William Hewitt, 5, are critically ill as a result of eating raw potatoes which they found at the home of their grandmother while playing about in the yard.

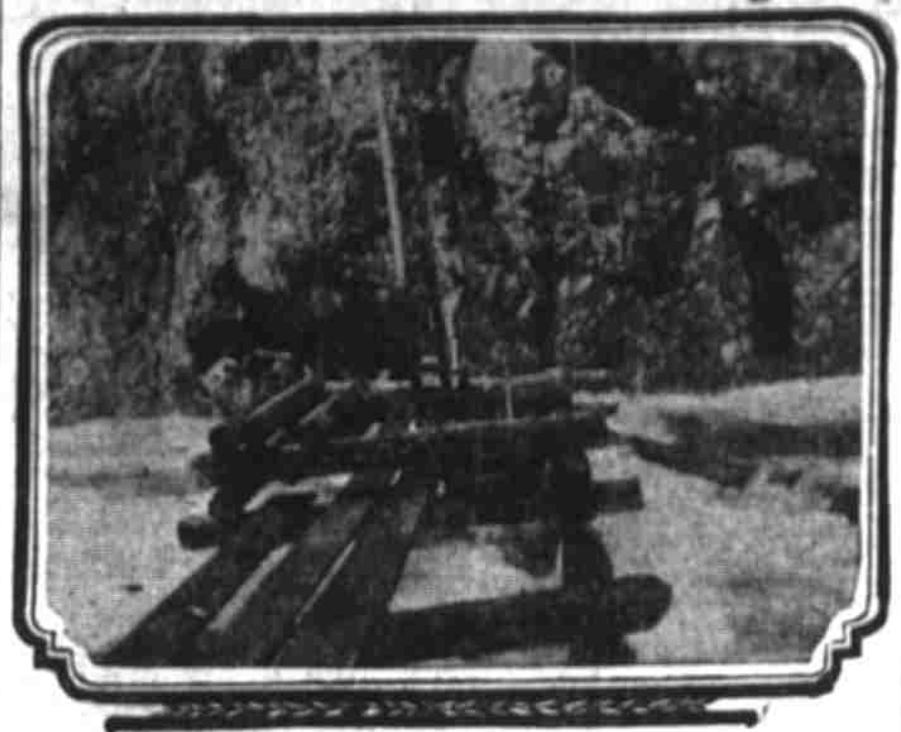
Within the next five years the Berlin fire department expects to replace all of its present horse drawn apparatus with motor vehicles.

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Will Hasten Construction of Big Dam



Where Northwestern Electric company will have waterpower site.

Underwood, Wash., June 5.—Within 30 days 500 men will be put to work by Stone & Webster, the engineering firm, to rush work on the big concrete dam across the White Salmon river at Cameron's, three miles from Underwood, for the Northwestern Electric company. Engineers and 150 workmen are driving two tunnels through solid rock through which to divert the flow of the stream while the building of the

dam is under way.
One of the tunnels will be 175 feet long, and the other 150 feet long and 4 feet in diameter.
The contract for the dam calls for its completion by January 1, 1913. It is expected to develop 20,000 horsepower. High tension copper wires will bring the current to Portland.
The dam will be 125 feet high and 400 feet long at the top.

MRS. M. SANGSTER DIES AT AGE OF 74

Was for Many Years One of Best Known Contributors to American Magazines.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Newark, N. J., June 5.—Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, 74, author, editor and poet, died at her home in Maplewood yesterday. She was among the best known contributors to American magazines.
Mrs. Sangster was editor of Harper's Bazaar for a number of years and author of a department in the Ladies' Home Journal. At the beginning of her career she conducted departments in Health and Home, the Christian Intelligencer and the Christian At Work. After she had reached the age of 70 she published "Good Manners for All Occasions," "The Story Bible," "Little Kingdom of Home," "Fairest Girlhood," "The Joyful Life" and "The Queenly Mother in the Realm of Home."
Among her other books were "Poems of the Household," "Winsome Womanhood," "Janet Ward," "Eleanor Lee" and "When Angels Come to Men."

THREE SLAIN; 20 HURT IN RIOTS IN BELGIUM

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Brussels, June 5.—Stories of wholesale loss of life in the rioting in Belgium are discredited today by the government authorities, who declare that most of the published accounts of the disturbances are greatly exaggerated. It is asserted that three or four persons have been slain and 20 seriously hurt.
Disorders continued today at Liege, Antwerp, Ghent, Verviers and other places where the anger of the Socialists and Liberals over the victory of the clericals in the recent elections has not yet subsided. There has been considerable property damage at Liege.
The situation in Brussels is quiet today.

TRAINS HELD UP BY RUN OF CATERPILLARS; ORCHARDS DESTROYED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Ottawa, Ont., June 5.—Orchard and field crops are being destroyed and trains held up by a plague of caterpillars which infest the Ottawa and Gatineau valleys today. Three Canadian Pacific trains were blocked on the Gatineau line, being unable to push through the squamous mess of caterpillars.
Bishop Bruchet of Montreal will require all his clergy to ask parishioners to destroy the pests.

SETTLERS ASK AID IN FIGHTING FIRES

(Special to The Journal.)
Aberdeen, Wash., June 4.—Fires are raging in slashings north of Aberdeen and in the South Bay country and green timber is threatened. A call for aid to the departments of Houlum and Aberdeen has been made from the South Bay district. The message says that unless help is sent and the fire checked a large body of timber may be destroyed.
Fire in old logging slashings north of Aberdeen has broken out again and is running towards Coats' logging camp, one of the camps and engines being destroyed by fire three weeks ago. This country has been burned over before and contains thousands of acres of timber susceptible to fire.

To Make War on Eagles.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Sterling, Ill., June 5.—War on the national bird was declared here today by farmers who organized to fight an invasion of eagles which have been killing calves and lambs in large numbers. A bounty will be offered.
Crowds attend Oaks' rink these days.

J. B. ISMAY ADMITS LIFEBOATS LACKING

Concludes Testimony in Titanic Investigation; Californian Blamed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, June 5.—Admitting that he knew that the lifeboats aboard the Titanic were inadequate to accommodate the passengers and crew in case of wreck, J. Bruce Ismay, manager director of the White Star line, concluded his testimony in the investigation of the Titanic disaster here. Ismay said that, judging from the evidence, he believed the officers of the liner Californian saw the distress signals of the Titanic.

Would See Captain Rostron.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, June 5.—Scores of curious persons anxious to get a last look at Captain A. H. Rostron, crowded the dock here this afternoon when the Carpathia, the vessel which brought the Titanic survivors into port, sailed for Europe. Several young women attempted to kiss Captain Rostron, who has been lionized, both here and in Philadelphia, as the Carpathia was about to cast off.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE NAMED BY MAYOR RUSHLIGHT

Mayor Rushlight yesterday appointed a commission of prominent residents of the city to take charge of the sane observance of the Fourth of July this year. The commission, whose personnel is the same as that appointed by former Mayor Simon, consists of the following: A. L. Mills, Dr. J. R. Webster, W. N. Gatens, G. B. Celliers, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. A. E. Rokey, Mrs. Robert H. Tate, Mrs. S. M. Blumauer and I. N. Fleischner.
The commission will have the cooperation of the city administration in preparing a program of music and speaking in the public parks to take the place of the usual noisy and dangerous celebrations of many previous years.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

The women of St. Lawrence parish, assisted by the St. Lawrence court, Catholic Order of Foresters, will give a strawberry and ice cream social on the church lawn at Third and Sherman streets tonight.
A fine musical program has been arranged for this occasion, and there will also be dancing in the assembly hall. The proceeds are for the benefit of the church. Following is the program: Chorus, 50 voices; soprano solo, Miss Anna M. Twiss; baritone solo, Rev. William Kane; piano and violin duet, Miss Agnes Senn and Master Carl Senn; soprano solo, Mrs. Frank Ruckert; baritone solo, A. B. Cain; duet, Doering brothers.
The St. Francis Quintet club will also be present and render several selections.

BELGIUM INTERESTED IN 1915 EXPOSITION

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Brussels, June 5.—Panama Pacific exposition commissioners are on their way to Lisbon today following an audience here with King Albert, to whom they were presented by Lars Anderson, the American minister. King Albert declared he had been in San Francisco several years ago and seemed well acquainted with that city and its surroundings. He stated his hope that Belgium would be well represented at the 1915 fair.

FEAR DOCK STRIKE MAY BE NATIONWIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, June 5.—That the present strike of workers on the transport docks here may become nationwide is feared today following a decision of the transport workers federation to call a national strike of dockmen unless the employers establish a joint board representing all sections where dock laborers are employed.

A new back rest for motorcyclists falls out of the way the instant a rider's back is removed from it so it will not interfere with him dismounting.
France has found that it was 3021 square miles larger than previously supposed by carefully remeasuring its most accurate maps.



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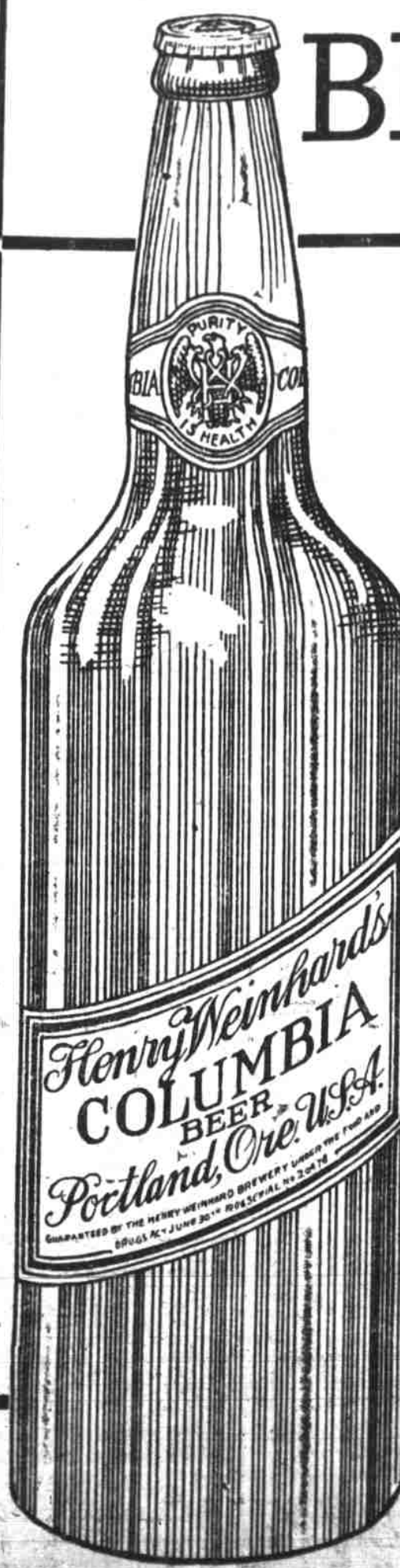
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