Noted Kansas Writer and Lecturer Declares Ignorance and Greed Only Cause Men to Oppose Single Tax.

Declaring the Bible teaches single tax as a principle of justice and as-serting that the adoption of the proposed taxation system would result in greater production at lessened cost and would give thousands an opportunity to earn a livelihood where the right is denied them now, Dr. Charles Sheldon, of Topeka, Kan., noted lecturer and writer on social betterment, made a plea for the adoption of the single tax in Oregon last night shortly before his departure for Salem,

Single tax in Oregon would bring about greater prosperity in the state, would open the gates to thousands of tillable acres now shut tight by the bly land speculators and would benefit the people as a whole. It is the well being of the whole that we in justice must look out for," he said.

"The proposed system of taxation would break up large private holdings, would puncture fictitious values and bring land down to its real value and its real valuation for taxation. This would mean lessened burdens for the poor and a division of taxes among the wealthier class of landlords who can and should bear the burdens in ratio to their holdings and ability to pay.

Ignorance Causes Opposition. "Many men oppose single tax be-cause they do not understand it, and mark my words, greedy land hogs are doing their best to keep men from studying it," continued Mr. Sheldon. They realize that single tax would kill their monopoly and annihilate speculation in land.

"Many other men oppose it because they own small tracts of land, homes or farms, which they, through lack of knowledge, fear would be taxed so high that they could not hold them. Such a fear is baseless. Single tax would reduce the cost of production, if it were universally adopted throughout the United States, and would open the way for hundreds of thousands of wage slaves to escape their thralldom and become their own masters, because they could return to the soft, something that is not possible to the majority because a few have cornered the earth, and inflated its value for unearned profit.

"We are dependent first and last on the earth and it should not be owned it belongs to all the children of God. And all opposition to the proposed step that would make way for such an opportunity, at the last analysis, is based on greed-the desire to have more than one's just share. Humankind is the most important thing in the world, and the individual should at all times be subservient to the general good.

England Has Made Start. "Great Britain is a shifting example of a country without a land tax. Thousands on thousands of idle acres are given over to hunting grounds for the In Kansas a brakeman on a great railcities nearby, are hordes of starving people who are denied the right to the soil and the living it would give them. The landlords won't sell. The small man must rent the land. He is denied the right to buy the tool with which to earn a livelihood. Could a greater injustice exist?

"As a result England is compelled to import most of the food consumed by her people. It is not a pretty picture when one considers the fact that one selfish landlord, through the operation of unjust laws, can allow broad tracts to stand unimproved as a hunting preserve while his fellow man starve. "But there is hope ahead. Recently

Henry Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, inaugurated legislation bringing about, a tax on this land which has never been taxed for cen-Speaking in reference to the present

system of taxation in the United States, Dr. Sheldon declared it to be a "gigantic fraud, unfair," and something that puts a premium on dishonesty. He

NEW MATINEE IDOL AT THE BAKER



Baker Moore.

Baker Moore, the young juvenile man of the Baker Players, who seems to have usurped the place of matinee idol so long occupied by Donald Bowles in this city; has the best role of his sea-son so far this week in "The Spendthrift," and the delightful love scenes between him and Alice Patek are just tide waters. the kind that appeal to the feminine portion of the audiences. Mr. Moore is young, good looking and a most excellent actor and much prefers to stand upon his reputation as the latter rather than that of a matinee idol, which, however, seems to follow him wherever ne appears. "The Spendthrift" is one America to all navigable waters inof the most interesting of the modern plays presented by the Baker Players this season, telling a strong story of importance. In Oregon, it has been dea frivolous, irresponsible young wife clared by the statute of 1874 that there whose extravagances finally bring them are no tide lands in the Willamette to bankruptcy, and it contains a lesson river, and that act sought to convey that strikes right at the evil that be-tes many homes, in a greater or less the Willamette down to low water line. degree today. It will continue all But as Judge Thayer said in "Anweek with matiness today and Satur-

ing questions of all time. The present taxation laws are imminently unfair, and I believe that a large proportion of taxpayers are single taxers in secret that is, they practice it by hiding useful for agricultural or individual use from the assessor their wealth as represented by stocks and bonds, jewelry

and kindred things. Escape at Hand. "In Oregon, I dare say, the records will disclose similar instances as the sion: lilinels tax fists show Not long ago

Chicago. The ifsts showed that not ship. They are held in common—the one of those millionaires owned such state is vested with title as trustee. a thing as a gold watch or a painting. The state ought not to, and can not Hated times the value listed by the general manager of the same line. These illustrations simply serve to show that the whole system is a gigantic fraud. Men, honest in everything else, will lie straight from the shoulder when it comes to taxes.

"The land, however, is in plain sight. It cannot be hidden. It is the one thing from which all wealth springs. A tax on it, on public utility franchises, and on natural resourcesthings belonging to the people-and necessary for their comfort and well being, as one of the Oregon's taxation measures proposes, will not allow of injustice, in my opinion. It means a fairer distribution of the burden of governmental expenses, and the ultimate enforcement of pure justice. I trust progressive Oregon will not overlook an opportunity that, I firmly believe, will work for her greater development and the prosperity of her peo-

vent a new wrench from slipping off a

Law Quoted to Show Lands Useful for Navigation Are Ownership; State Trustee.

Portland, Oct. 24 .- To the Editor of

The Journal.-The most exhaustive adjudication of the law of the tide lands in this country of recent date is rend-ered by Judge Walter Bordwell in the superior court of California, for the county of Los Angeles, July 3, 1914.
Parenthetically, it should be stated that most of the law governing the land on which flow navigable waters is common law," that is natural law recognized by the people and government for so long a period that it has be-come more firmly established than statute law. It is both written and unwritten and finds its expression in the customs and commerce of the peo-ple, the manifest public needs, treatises on law bearing the authority of text books, and the decisions of the su-preme courts. It is recognized by constitutions and codes, although it may be superseded at a time by statute law, but at the same time statute law is

mon law as well. The most of the statute law on shore lands deals with tide lands because the English law dealing with these become the heritage of the 12 states formerly English colonies, and passed from them to the other states. In the short rivers of England, there were practically no navigable waters except

Concern Tide Plats. The first statutes passed by states relative thereto, concerned disposition of tide flats. Next the needs of commerce and navigation demanded attention, and the English law concerning shore lands was extended in cluding rivers above the reach of the tide as well, which were of the same drus vs. Knott," They could not convey that part of the bend of the river constituting the banks any more than any other part, all of which was protected to the use of the people for navigation and commerce by the title of the state in trust for the people. And if there than for public use, then there are no lands there, which the state can convey.

Quotes from Decision I quote from Judge Bordwell's deci-

"1-As a general proposition, tide an inquiry was made regarding the lands which are immediately, or in the personal lists submitted by milliontires residing on Michigan avenue in are not the subject of private owner-

private ownership such lands. That would be an infringement upon the natural rights of the individual, and therefore subversive of the purpose of organized governments. It would also be a surrender of an attribute of severighty, and abrogation of a vital political function. It is, therefore, forbidden."

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"2-The state may allenate into private ownership title to tide lands which are useless for navigation. It may also do this when a greater public benefit

"3-The state may grant franchise Useful for Navigation Are for wharves and docks for a reasonable time under proper terms and restriction, or otherwise vest in private ownership a limited right in the use of tide lands, when the right of the general

estopped to maintain the action.

"7—A portion of the land being when conveyed within two miles of the incorporated city of Wilmington was excluded from sale specifically by the act

"8-These tide lands are not reclaimable within the meaning of the statutos on that subject.

not subject to lease conferring exership a limited right in the use of tide lands, when the right of the general public to such use is not substantially diminished, and when navigation will thereby be aided and the public advantage subserved:

"4—The general statutes of the state of California to try the total amount of California have provided only for the content of the state of California about the harbor of the lands so held about the harbor of \$2,000,000 to build a permanent highway at 8 o'clock, (Paid Adv.)

A Red Hot Debate formed with this idea in view, is holding meetings in different localities and has adopted the home rule bill as best suited to the needs of the county us it does not limit the amount of bonded in debtedness. It is estimated that it will require a bond issue perhaps of the tare, Thursday evening, October 21, of California have provided only for the lands so held about the harbor of \$2,000,000 to build a permanent highway at 8 o'clock, (Paid Adv.)

is now pending in the suprema court.

I would call Portland's special attention to the California act cited, special

OCEAN-ROSEBURG ROAD WELL BOOSTED IN COOS

(Special to The Journal.)
Marshfield, Or., Oct. 24,—The plan to Roseburg is meeting approval tend the road into Roseburg. "9-Tide lands not subject to sale are throughout the county. The Coos County Good Roads association, which was

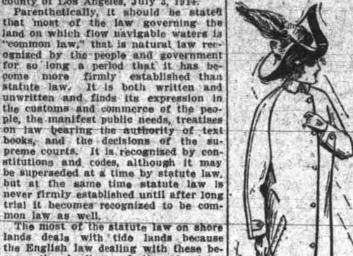
ficially excluding from sate, shore lands within two miles of an incorporated town.

J. B. ZIEGLER.

Dond laste so there can be built across the mountains a road which can be traveled at all times of the year in an across the mountains.

The plan advocated by the organization is to build a road with a concrete foundation extending from the ocean at Coos Bay to every city in the Marshfield, Or. Oct. 24.—The plan county and east to the Douglas county started to bond the county for sufficient. The people of that county would clent money to build a permanent road, then be asked to take it up and ex-

A Red Hot Debate



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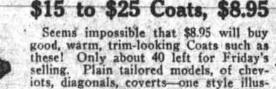
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