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Love is the law of life.
 Attractions all the suns and worlds control.
 The Universe is life
 With love, uniting the stupendous whole.
 So, harmony, not strife,
 Should govern in the kingdom of the soul.

Know this, O brother mine,
 The larger self is all humanity!
 Linked by a tie divine,
 I am a part of you and you of me!
 Some day this truth will shine
 To all the world, and it shall make you free!
 —J. A. Edgerton.

WHY TAXES ARE HIGH.

If every man who complains of high taxes would study the reasons for high taxes and then make a determined effort to secure just and intelligent assessment laws, the inequality of taxation would soon disappear.

Farm property, merchandise, livestock and other visible forms of property now bear three-fourths of the burden, while the greatest profit-bearing property, in the shape of cash, franchises and other invisible forms of property escape taxation, almost entirely.

A glance at the statistics of Oregon will cause many to think deeply on this subject and wonder why legislatures cannot pass more comprehensive assessment laws.

In 1893, the assessment rolls of Oregon returned the sum of \$3,136,397, while in 1903, after 10 years of unprecedented prosperity, the rolls returned but \$1,375,979, while the banks in Pendleton, alone, carry deposits approximating \$2,000,000.

It is no wonder taxes on real estate, farm property, cattle, horses and sheep are high, when the entire enormous amount of cash in Oregon goes Scot free!

More money is carried on deposit

in Pendleton banks, than is assessed in the entire state of Oregon!

Is it not time for the legislature to pass a law that will reach this form of property? Shall the farmers and merchants and the owners of small homes, that cannot be hidden behind a labyrinth of technicalities, continue to pay the tax while the real property holder, the owner of idle wealth, of untold riches in the form of money, priceless franchises and privileges escapes entirely?

Under present laws assessors cannot reach this form of property. It is practically exempt by the state. And yet taxes mount higher and higher.

This session of the legislature should pass a law fixing a value on franchises enjoyed by every private corporation in the state. The visible forms of property are now taxed to death, while millions in dividends are reaped every year by invisible forms of property that is never listed on the assessment rolls of Oregon.

They say it is invading private rights to claim access to private books and accounts, in determining the amount of income and taxable wealth owned by private concerns. Is it invading private rights to inquire the number of cattle, sheep and horses owned by farmers and stockmen? Is it invading private rights to fix a value on the merchant's stock or the laborer's home?

Rich men have no more sacred privileges in the eyes of free government than poor men, and there is no reason why every bank should not be compelled to give every depositor's name and the amount of money carried, nor why every corporation should not open its account of income and expenditure to the assessor, so its actual taxable properties may be assessed and made to bear a share of the burden.

The death struggle with saloon domination in Oregon is now on. For a quarter of a century they have dictated to political parties, to cities and communities in Oregon. They have held a rein over every politician who hoped to win in his aspirations, and have practically made moral conditions in Oregon cities what they are today. The taste of prohibition which Oregon has taken will inspire greater effort next time. It was not thought the saloons could be defeated in many of the older communities in Western Oregon, but the result in Benton county gave the prohibitionists hope. Corvallis, one of the principal school towns on the Pacific coast, has had an unsavory record for being "tough" for years, but when the people became aroused and exercised their privileges and executed their heartfelt sentiments, saloon domination vanished as it will in every other community in the state where there is a demand for moral surroundings and clean government. The old element that is responsible for its domination is now woefully small. The later generation and new citizenship rushing from the east and south to the Pacific Coast, will soon revolutionize conditions in the frontier towns.

The delegation from Umatilla county to the legislature is one of the most practical, able, aggressive bodies of men that will be found working in the interest of any section of the state. Every member of the delegation is a practical, thinking business man with advanced ideas of state government and if given any kind of support from the legislature, the Umatilla county delegation will secure

the passage of several highly important laws, which will redound to the credit of the delegation, the legislature and the state. Every member is a student and a man of action and will command the highest respect from the legislative body. The county may well be proud of its selection, as it will take the lead among the counties from Eastern Oregon in the work of the legislature.

It is safe to say that several millions of acres of public land now filed upon in Oregon will be restored to the government, because of the terror of homesteaders. The campaign against the land frauds will deter many non-resident entrymen who have filed for no other purpose than that of speculation. They will not attempt to make proof, in the face of the galling fire of Henny, Burns and Green.

Two old debts hang over Oregon's head which the present session of the legislature should cancel—\$60,160 for swamp lands and \$35,881 for coyote scalps. This constitutes practically all the indebtedness of the state and should be wiped from the slate, at the beginning of this year, while there are no other heavy obligations to meet.

It is now a question with Stoesel whether it would have been pleasanter to have died in the defense of his fortress at Port Arthur, than to die under a sentence of court-martial from his ungrateful country.

OREGON'S VACANT SEAT.

The Chicago American, discussing Senator Mitchell's dilemma, says: The announcement that United States Senator Mitchell of Oregon was en route to Washington to take up the thread of legislation where he had laid it down to hurry to Portland, Ore., in an effort to prevent an indictment being returned against him in connection with the land frauds, is being discussed in Washington with great interest.

The senate is the judge of the right of any of its members to his seat. It can expel by a two-thirds vote. It is understood that it will under no consideration permit Mr. Mitchell to sit in that body pending the settlement of this charge of complicity in land frauds, even if he should insist upon his right. He will be given the same hint as was extended to Senator Burton, and that he will acquiesce there can be no doubt.

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Dr. Llewellyn Jordan,
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—M. C. Gee, M. D.

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