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One night upon mine ancient enemy I closed my door, And lo! that night came Love in search of me— Love I had hungered for, And finding my door closed went on his way, And came no more. Pray you take counsel of this penitent, And learn thereof; Set your door wide whatever guests be sent, Your graciousness to prove, Better to let in many enemies Than bar out Love. —Theodosia Garrison.

HOW WILL WE LEVY TAXES?

The national grange wants to exempt agricultural products from taxation. Mechanics want to have mechanics' tools and equipment exempted. Railroads declare that they are taxed excessively. Merchants say they carry an unjust burden of taxes. Mining men say they are developing the resources of the earth and consequently should not be taxed. Irrigators claim that they convert idle land into usefulness and that their industry should not be taxed. So where are we to secure money with which to conduct the government? Who would pay a just and equitable tax on their earning capacity if the decision were left to their own judgment?

There would be no taxes and no government if the strong hand of the people did not impose taxes and collect them. Classes are always trying to evade taxation. Wealth is ever trying to dodge its responsibility.

So we will go along in the old way and tax everybody alike, regardless of his personal like or dislike. Whatever earns an income should be taxed accordingly and the income should be the measure of the tax.

HOT, BUT PLEASANT.

It's hot, to be sure, but its Umatilla county and it don't hurt. When we remember all the good things that go along with the heat in this portion of the golden west, the heat of two months in the summer season does not seem oppressive.

The same warmth which is now playfully caporting about 100 in the shade ripens the fruit in Umatilla county a month before other eastern Oregon counties have any to offer. We boast of having more days of sunshine than Los Angeles, but of course this boast is more appropriate in the winter season.

The same delightful heat gives us luscious strawberries earlier than any other eastern Oregon county. It ripens the crops evenly and matures the alfalfa quickly so we can crowd four harvests into one season.

So if it is hot it don't hurt, in Umatilla county. It makes us appreciate our advantages. It makes us think of our mountain resorts and wonder how people live without them.

"I AM HOLIER THAN THOU."

If it is good policy and good politics for William Jennings Bryan to refuse to take corporation money for campaign expenses why is it not just as good policy and just as good politics for William Howard Taft, republican candidate for president to refuse to take such?

Why should Mr. Taft's motives be questioned by Mr. Bryan and his campaign leaders, when Mr. Bryan and his leaders have announced that they will not accept corporation money?

This sounds much like the "holier than thou" cant of olden times. It sounds very much like Mr. Bryan and his leaders were assuming a lot of virtue, which in their biased view, no one else can possess. It sounds very much like, well—in the street parlance of the day, like tommy rot. There is no more reason for im-

pugning Mr. Taft's motives in refusing corporation money than there is to impugn Mr. Bryan's motives. If the candidates have honestly decided on this policy both are to be congratulated. And if they have made it a part of a deceitful campaign policy, both should be condemned equally by the people.

THE EARTH FOR THE PEOPLE.

That the earth and its resources are intended for the use and benefit of the masses of humanity and not for the favored few, is the honest belief of every thoughtful man. Greed drives men of influence and power to monopolize the earth wherever they can and to corral its resources for personal gain, but in their heart of hearts they know it is wrong.

Land monopoly is one of the burning issues of the new world, as well as of the old world and sooner or later we must meet the issue face to face. Here in Oregon its blight is felt as poignantly as anywhere else in the United States and before we are aware the question will be up for settlement. How are we going to settle it?

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of this city, in his Fourth of July address at Wallowa lake, touched upon the subject eloquently and suggested possible means of settlement. He said in part on this subject:

The next great problem which this republic must meet and solve is the land question. It vitally presents itself to the people of Oregon in the vast military wagon road grants which cross the state like trails of poisonous serpents, in the ill-gotten domain of the timber barons, and in the railroad lands upon which the companies refuse to keep faith with the government in their contracts of sale.

The problem presents two elements—all ownership of lands and excessive ownership of lands, and to both it is time public attention was directed if we are to escape the thralldom of landlordism which curses the old world.

There is no objection to the accumulation of wealth represented by chattels, so long as legally acquired and honorably used, but the earth, water, air, forests and natural deposits of coal and oil which are essential to the comfort and happiness of the race should never be monopolized or permitted to become objects of exploitations. In each of these every man is in justice entitled to such part as he may need for his home and the concomitants of a home, and for these purposes the time has arrived when the government must exert and exercise a trustee in all these things.

Our inherited ideas of the sacredness of property cause us to look askance at every proposition which looks toward the limitation of any character of acquisition heretofore bearing the sanction of the law, but the time apparently has arrived when we must make a choice between socialism on the one hand and limitation of land holdings on the other, and when I speak of land in this connection I mean not only the earth, but the water, trees and fuel deposits thereon.

It is neither necessary nor desirable to enter upon any campaign of confiscation, but the state certainly has power under the law of eminent domain to take over for the use of the people the idle lands of monopolists, paying a reasonable price therefor in the same manner as has long been the custom of public service corporations to condemn private property for their use.

The constitution of the United States and of the state of Oregon properly provide in substance that no person shall be deprived of his property without due process of law, and that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation, but under those provisions the right of condemnation and the submission of values to a jury has always been recognized when property has been required by the public, or even by corporations of a quasi public nature. There certainly can be no higher public service than that the state shall assure homes to generations yet to come; that it shall hold itself as a buffer against encroaching landlordism.

There never has been any reason why one man should own a territory as large as the state of New Jersey, or why foreign corporations should hold in idleness millions of acres, or why alien owners should be permitted to retary for half a century the development of a state by refusing to sell lands to home builders, and when these conditions exist as they do in this nation today, and as they do in large degree in our own state, certainly every rule of common sense requires that the state should exer-

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These ideas have been put into force by Mrs. Russ Whytal, for some time leading lady with E. S. Willard, in her initial production of the play at Hull this week. She—now for the first time—presents the disguised Portia in the judge's seat, immediately below that of the Duke of Venice, who, it is contended, was a mere lay figure, who, ex-officio, presided over the court.

Shylock, we know, refers to Portia as a "wise young judge," and she is also appealed to by Antonio to give judgment. And it is Portia who, in the end, pronounces judgment, the Duke merely echoing the "learned doctor's" deliverance.—Legal News.

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Because thou com'st, a weary guest, Unto my tent, I bid thee rest. This cruise of oil, this skin of wine, These tamarinds and dates are thine; And while thou eatest, Medjd, there, Shall bathe the heated nostrils of thy mare.

Allah! Allah! Even so An Arab chieftain treats a foe, Holds him as one without a fault Who breaks his bread and tastes his salt. And in fair battle strikes him dead With the same pleasure that he gives him bread. —Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

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