

Tax Reduction Only Idle Talk; Reform of System Only Hope

By L. M. McMahan.
The trouble in all this furor about taxes is that but few who pay taxes take enough intelligent interest in politics to know what ought to be done; and in selecting legislators they vote without knowledge of or care for the candidate's qualification for the office.

In vain do I read the various platforms of the candidates' proposed activities, if elected. They are all for economy, all for reducing taxes; and so has each candidate pledged himself since the formation of government, but taxes have increased in spite of all the complaining taxpayers have done.

The average legislator is honest and wants to redeem the pledges he made in good faith, but when elected he finds that organized forces beyond his control run the legislature and that he is not unlike a piece of flotsam, shunted from one place to another, without power to control anything.

Long before the legislature meets various men select for speaker of the house and president of the senate those who will appoint committees favorable to them and to the predatory interests they represent; and these committees, when so appointed, will see to it that the interests which selected them are protected. As a result of this pernicious system the legislation for that session is definitely shaped long before the legislature meets. We got rid of the party convention, but not of the party caucus, the trading and log rolling. Every member of the legislature who engages in "log-rolling" should, upon conviction thereof forfeit his office and be forever disbarred from holding any office in this state.

Each bill should be passed or defeated solely upon its merits, but this is impossible so long as legislators persist in trading their support for one bill in return for the support of some other bill. Until "log-rolling" is stopped practical reforming is impossible.

The state is sadly in need of intelligent constructive legislation and the only way to get it is for the people to draft a just platform and pledge each candidate to support it. Such a platform I attempt to submit and I have the temerity to inquire: Who among the candidate will endorse it?

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1—The legislature is justified in taxing the people only for the necessary expenses of government economically administered.

2—The taxpayers have completely fulfilled their duty to the children when they have provided each child an ever-present opportunity to secure a high school education; and if any child gets more than this it should get it at its own expense or at the expense of those upon whom it is dependent. From this statement of a fundamental principle we can approach the solution of the problems growing out of our state colleges understandingly.

3—The jurisdiction of justices of the peace should be increased to \$500 and no appeal therefrom should be allowed, unless the amount involved exceeds \$200. The fees in the circuit court should be radically increased, throwing more of the burdens of litigation upon litigants and less upon the taxpayers; and no appeal should be allowed unless the amount exceeds \$500, or some constitutional question, or the construction of a law is at issue. Such changes would make it practical to reduce the members of the supreme court from seven to five and eliminate at least one-third of our circuit judges and save the taxpayers fully \$250,000 a year. In this country alone I know of one civil case which cost the state \$850 and the fees paid by the litigants amounted to but \$19.

4—The insurance companies doing business in this state annually collect from the people about \$10,000,000 a year more than they pay back in losses and claims. The state already supports an insurance commissioner and an army of clerks and the insurance business is always conducted and paid for out of the money paid by the insured. The state should create a department of insurance, cut the cost of insurance fully one-third, pay its expenses and turn into the general fund fully \$5,000,000 annually.

5—In each county we have a sheriff and his deputies, in each precinct a constable and in each incorporated town a police force to arrest those who violate the law, yet the state game commission annually expends \$40,000 for game wardens and the total fines are less than \$700 a year. Practically these wardens serve no other purpose than to constitute a political machine and make game licenses absurdly high.

6—Portland millionaires have private game preserves upon which they feed ducks many tons of wheat. This attracts practically all the ducks in this valley to the preserves and gives to the owners thereof a monopoly of duck shooting. A law should be passed prohibiting shooting over feeding grounds.

7—The penalty now exacted for

non-payment of taxes is unjust and profits only the usurer. It should be reduced.

8—The age of consent should be increased from sixteen to eighteen years of age, so as to afford more protection to our girls and to give organized society a chance to discourage the activities of libertines.

DAIRY LECTURES VALUABLE, CLAIM

Dallas, Or., April 17.—Paul Carpenter, county agent, has written and sent out from his office in Dallas the following circular letters to the farmers living in the community tributary to where the meetings mentioned in the letter are to be held. These meetings are creating a great deal of interest among the farming element and will undoubtedly be exceptionally well attended.

"It is with a feeling almost of reverence that we look upon the record of Lad's Iota, new champion of the Jersey breed, who has just closed a year's production of over 1047 pounds of butter fat. There comes a sense too of profound respect for her owner and caretaker, S. J. McKee, and for this great animal's breeder, G. G. Hewitt.

"To produce and feed a cow to a record of 1000 pounds of butter fat is a distinction that comes to but few men. The 1000-pound class of breeders and feeders is not crowded.

"How was such production possible? Iota was provided with the material with which to manufacture that record quantity of milk and fat—she was well and properly fed. McKee knew her needs and met them. She was made comfortable. Care counts. And the cow had it 'in her' to produce. She comes from a long line of dairy animals bred for just that kind of work. Feed, care, breeding—they win.

"Now a session at each of the dairy demonstration farms in the county on the science of breeding dairy stock for high and profitable production, with Professor Fitta, dairy specialist of the college extension service pointing the way. Thursday, April 20, at the T. J. Werth farm, near Grand Ronde, at 1:30 in the afternoon; Friday, April 21, at 10 a. m. at the Porter Prizzell place at McCoy; Friday afternoon date, at 2:00 o'clock at the John R. Loy farm at o'clock at the John R. oy farm at Buena Vista. Cows is cows—no more."

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Another Son of Kaiser Is Tiller of Soil



Verily, "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." From princedom in the former Kaiser's royal household, Prince Eitel Friedrich, son of the German War Lord, has become a humble tiller of the soil. This exclusive photograph of Eitel Friedrich shows him working in his garden at Jungenheim villa, Potsdam. He has not sufficient funds to hire help.

FRANKLIN REDUCES PRICES

Syracuse, April 17.—Prices of Franklin cars were announced today which are the lowest in the history of the Franklin company's sixteen years' manufacture of six cylinder cars, with the single exception of a four month period in 1916.

In the statement issued by H. H. Franklin, reductions as much as \$1500 under war prices are indicated. Touring car at \$1950 and sedan at \$2850 are typical of the new schedule of prices applying to the entire Franklin line.

"We determined to get under the price level of July, 1914, the month the world war started, and also under the level of March, 1917, the month before the United States entered the war," Mr. Franklin said. "So today our basis is pre-war from any angle you take it. This move puts us in position to attain large volume in the quality car field.

"While coincident with this price reduction we are reducing overhead, wage rates will not be disturbed at present. As far as inventories are concerned, the Franklin company shows a favorable condition due to selling well ahead of the industry as a whole during 1921."

HORSE FALLS IN COLLISION

A horse was thrown to the pavement and a wagon tongue was broken Saturday when a truck driven by B. F. Lane, 385 Oak street, collided with a team driven by an unidentified driver on South Commercial street. No one was injured, according to the police report.

Another collision occurred between automobiles driven by T. E. McCroskey, 828 South Twelfth street, and Walter Fisher. They met up at the corner of High and Ferry streets. Slight damage resulted to both machines.

New Corporations.

The Chickamin Mining company of North Bend, capitalized at \$50,000, filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Saturday. The incorporators are Chris Rasmussen, K. H. Hakanson and W. H. Wann. Other corporations filing articles were:

Dairy Journal Publishing company, Portland, \$5000; E. W. Jorgenson, Nicholas Pierangel and E. R. undburg.

National Electric company, Portland, \$50,000; A. S. Halla, Burnett Goodwin and M. M. Mathieson.

The Standard Commercial company, Portland, filed a certificate showing an increase in capitalization from \$5000 to \$25,000.

A certificate filed by the Silverton and Mortgage company of Silverton shows an increase in capital from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

The American Association of University Women, with a membership of 10,000, gives as much assistance as possible to women who cannot afford college education.

OREGON ELECTRIC LOSS FOR YEAR IS \$85,000

The Oregon Electric railway suffered a net loss of \$85,178.46 in the operation of its lines during 1921, according to its annual report just filed with the public service commission here.

The report shows an operating revenue of \$1,293,505.93, a decrease of \$115,350.05 as compared with the revenue for 1920. Operating expenses amount to \$1,267,824.38, a decrease of \$269,808.97. Taxes of the company amounted to \$110,860, an increase of \$2,808.83.

The report of the United Railways company for 1921 shows a net operating loss of \$21,226.46.

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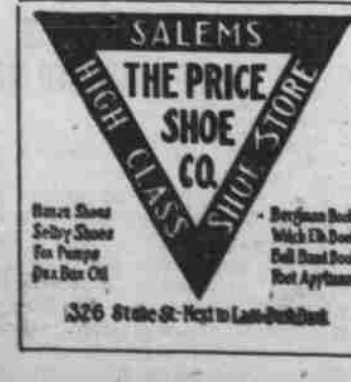
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