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## *YET ON TRIAL.*

There is no fact in the history of human government more emphatic than this; viz: That men have always been best protected when protected from themselves. This is not the protection of the mass from the predatory few, but of the mass from the mass,—of the people from the people.

In limited or constitutional monarchies this condition has been reached only through centuries of struggle during which king-craft was shorn of its "divinely given prerogatives" and compelled to give its subjects government which protected them alike from foreign foes and from themselves,

Absolutely pure democracies are weak and unstable because the majority, in an hour of blind passion, may easily and quickly strike down and utterly destroy their government.

Representative democracy or Republican government gives the people the utmost liberty and control in the administration of their government and protects the government—the people—from the heedlessness and the blind, unreasoning passions of the masses—the people—themselves.

After placing all necessary provisions in the constitution on organic law under which government is to be conducted an additional provision is added which defines how the people must proceed if they would mend or abrogate any or all of these provisions. It is purposely and wisely made a slow, tedious process. The people are compelled to think, to discuss, to act calmly, deliberately and intelligently. Under these conditions action will be sane, safe and probably wise.

How often the people, or large numbers of them, finding a provision of the constitution preventing them from accomplishing some cherished purpose would, if possible, have set it aside within an hour. It is well that, though power of ultimate control is with the people, change cannot be made in frenzied haste.

The Federal Constitution is the product of men than whom none wiser nor more attached to human liberty ever breathed. They builded not alone for their time and for themselves but for far distant decades and remotest posterity.

We are the best prepared people on earth to conduct a democratic government. If from any cause we should fail popular government would fall down for all time.

But we shall not fail if we labor to bring ourselves up to a clear understanding of the possibilities we may work out for human weal under our matchless constitution as it is rather than to fit it to some of our crude, untried, sophistical schemes of human government.

If we fail the fault will be our own, not that of our organic laws. It will be because we are unfitted for self government.

Democracy is yet on trial; we yet need to protect ourselves against ourselves.

## *THE SINGLE TAX.*

A proposed amendment to the constitution of the state will be submitted, under the initiative, to the voters next June providing for the taxation of land values only.

This is the "single tax" theory of the late Henry George. It was discussed quite fully in the columns of the Oregonian more than a dozen years since and it does not appear to have found any new argument in its behalf.

The theory is based on the assumption that unimproved land is made more valuable by the improvements of adjacent lands. The owner of an unimproved town lot, for instance, has done nothing whatever to increase the value of his lot, but it has increased in value because of the improvements made on adjacent lots. This increased value is termed "the unearned increment" by Mr. George, who claims it escapes taxation while the man who really earned it has his improvements taxed to the limit. This is supposed to restrain public spirit and pay a premium to the man who lacks it.

To remedy all this it is proposed to exempt all improvements from taxation and to place the whole burden of taxation on land alone.

It is a fine, specious theory and, if correct, should induce every young man who can to buy a lot, build a residence, get married and look to the man who is unable to have more than a vacant lot to pay expense bills.

If applied, this theory would destroy our familiar system of just and equitable assessment and taxation. The millions put into the erection of sky-scrapers, palatial residences, grand hotels, large factories and expensive machinery would escape taxation while the poor devil who owns a vacant lot and is forced to practice rigid economy for years before he may improve it is shouldered with confiscatory taxation.

But all these exempt improvements must have light, water, fire and police service. Surely. But the owners of unimproved lands will be taxed to supply these. What business has he to hold unimproved land anyway? Let him get out and let some "public spirited" man have possession.

One of the purposes of organized government is to protect the property of the citizen. The expense of this protection is laid in just proportion upon the great and the small property owners. Our present system does this, the proposed system proposes quite otherwise. The voter can easily decide which he prefers.

This is an era of specious humbugs, and the "SingleTax" is not the least one.

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The wailing howl which goes up from the Democratic camp when Republicans attempt organization would be truly pathetic were it not so fantastically ludicrous. It deceives no one, and least of all Republicans.

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Republicans of Multnomah, Marion, Lane, Yamhill and other counties are forming or have formed organizations which are of and by the party.

Of course Benton county republicans will do likewise, even though it take them until next December to make a first attempt.

## *NEW POSTAL LAW.*

The United States Postal Department has made new regulations in regard to carrying second class mail matter (such as newspapers, magazines, periodicals, etc.) the same going into effect January 1, 1908, and allowing publishers to April 1, 1908, to prepare their subscription lists in accordance with the new order of things. The effect of the change practically compels the establishment of new relations between the publisher and subscribers of county papers.

The department ruling requires that subscriptions entitled to the second class postage rate shall not be delinquent longer than the following periods of time:

Dailies within three months.

Tri-weeklies within six months.

Semi-weeklies within nine months.

Weeklies within one year

The mails are not forbidden to subscribers who are in arrears longer than the time provided in the new ruling, but these subscribers are placed in a separate classification, requiring a higher rate of postage, the rate being so high that publishers could not afford to send papers at the price of subscription.

The reason given by the government for making this order is that second class mail matter is being carried through the mails at a rate of postage thereon which is less than the cost of carriage.

The GAZETTE has heretofore been liberal in giving to its subscribers time to pay for their subscriptions, by paying $200 per year for those past due and $1.50 per annum when the same was paid in advance. Having made the difference in the past-due and advance rate has resulted in giving the GAZETTE a larger portion of paid up subscribers. This rule must now be changed according to Uncle Sam's order, as the newspaper has no voice in the matter. The GAZETTE invites its patrons to settle their dues soon.

## PHILOMATH SNAPSHOTS.

**Notes of Interest From Neighboring Town—Social and Other News.**

Mrs. W. H. Newton and daughters Justina and Lola returned last Wednesday from Pleasant Valley, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parkes.

Roy Savage arrived in Philo last Friday from Salem, and was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Walter Reynolds until the first of the week.

The T. D. department of the Philomath public school has been discontinued at the discretion of the board of directors.

Mrs. Ella M. Scott has been retained as nurse for Mrs. G. M. Gressley who is ill.

A sewing bee was conducted by the women of the Evergreen neighborhood at the home of Mrs Isaac Roderick last Thursday evening. A pleasant time is reported.

Mrs. Hannah McDonald, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Georgene, went to Eugene Tuesday and Miss Tressa departed on Wednesday to be present at the wedding of Percy McDonald to Miss Connie Close of that city, which took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. Percy's many friends of his childhood home extend heartiest congratulations.

S. H. Moses, one of our genial merchants, arrived home Monday from a business trip to Waldport.

Miss Carye Pimm an OAC student, visited Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents north of the burg. Her uncle, Frank Kragh of Oklahoma arrived here Tuesday for a ten days' visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Pimm.

Mrs. Anna P. Hawkins of Toledo departed Wednesday for an official visit to Ashland, Medford Riddles, and other points in the southern part of the state in the interest of the Women of Woodcraft.

Miss Deane Hollister and little Saidee Durkee were guests last week of Mrs Hannah McDonald.

Prof. O. V. White, principal of the Philomath public school is in Corvalles this week as assistant examiner at the teachers' examination.

Prof. C. G. Springer arrived home from Winters, California, Friday. Mrs. Springer is to follow later.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M Davison of Oregon City are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wyatt.

Miss Alta Wright was a Corvallis visitor Wednesday.

Miss Evadna Springer, who is employed as teacher in the Evergreen district, has a vacation this week. She is taking recreation in the form of teachers' examination.

The Independent telephone company strung a new line into Philomath this week from the Plymouth neighborhood. The subscribers are Messrs. C. C. Huft, Nash, Abbot and Taylor.

Mrs. C. H. Newth retuned last week from the hospital where she had been taking medical treatment for sometime.

Miss Hazel Roderick was the guest of Mrs. Verna Springer at the Springer and Wyatt home in town, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The Philomath Public Schools will conduct Valentine Post-Offices next Friday.

Go to Mrs. Buoy's new store for School Supplies, Stationery, Confectionery and Fresh Bread. 16

The Evergreen neighborhood is having it's share of evening parties. Within the past two weeks there have been parties at the homes of A. J. Erwin, E. A. Parker, George White, E. L. Sharp, W. N. Alford, Jens Peterson and possibly some others that have not been reported.

Mrs. R. Pyburn was a Corvallis visitor on Wednesday.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

**Movement Started to Save Oregon Forests—Meeting Tonight.**

Prof. E. R. Lake left yesterday for Portland where he is to preside tonight at a meeting of the Oregon Forestry Association, of which he is president. The meeting will be public and will be opened by the reading of a paper by H. D. Langille, well known in this field of labor throughout the state. This meeting is held in order to aid in arousing the state to the importance of this subject.

Prof. Lake, in an article to the Oregonian, Tuesday, writes on this topic as follows:

"In a recent issue of the Minnesota Forester this statement occurs: 'Oregon, with her vast forest wealth, practically untouched, is to be envied. She needs but to take note of the conditions that prevail in this and adjacent states in order to fully understand why she should conserve her forest wealth.'

"This little piece of advice, coming as it does from one of the states now driven to desperation in an effort to hold in check the further destruction of her timbered areas and reduce the devastation wrought through wasteful lumbering practices, by purchasing large tracts of deforested lands and planting them, ought to dispel our apparent apathy on this important subject. In the face of the dreadful havoc that has been wrought in so many of the Eastern states, through the absence of enlightened public sentiment as to the conservative treatment of the forests, such counsel as this ought to be effective in awakening a public interest in this great question, which means so much to our state.

"There are many phases to the subject of forestry in its relation to a state's welfare. If judiciously managed, our lumber interest ought to be able to maintain in steady employment an army of workers, an item of vast importance to the state directly and indirectly. The history of Europe shows that the state or nation is the only competent agent in the continued maintenance of an effective forest policy embracing large and varied tracts of timber. One of the vital points affecting private ownership is taxation. At the beginning of any state forest policy, this question is one of the first for consideration. Properly adjusted it materially aids in harmonizing private and public interests, an important factor in a sound public policy.

"The association is a voluntary organization for the promotion of all matters pertaining to forestry in Oregon, and welcomes every public-spirited citizen to membership. It contemplates the publication of a monthly bulletin for publicity purposes, the first issue to appear at an early date. It will also engage in a series of public meetings to be held in various parts of the state, as determined by the interest manifested in the several localities."

## Portland and Return, Only $3.50.

The Southern Pacific Company and Corvallis & Eastern Railway are selling round trip tickets to Portland from Corvallis for $3.50, good going on any train Saturday or Sunday either via Albany or west side and good returning either via Albany or west side, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

16tf R. C. LINVILLE, Agent.

## Attention, Comardes.

A requisition will be made out soon by Ellsworth Post G. A. R. for gravestones for the graves of soldiers who are buried in the cemeteries of this county.

The government furnishes and delivers thesestones free of charge at the nearest depot, but they can only be secured by requisition through a G. A. R. Post giving correctly the name, company and regiment or service of soldier as found in the records of the War Department.

Get this from his discharge or pension papers if possible. If these are not available then from the best information at hand. Take pains to have it correct. This applies to all deceased soldiers, whether of Mexican, Indian, Civil or Spanish wars without distinction.

Now, we hope that the immediate friends of deceased soldiers and those interested in the care of cemeteries throughout the country will interest themselves in this matter. Secure the necessary data and send it as soon as possible to W. G. Lane, Corvallis, Oregon.

Let each old soldier in the county consider himself a committee of one to see that every soldier's grave is provided with a gravestone by Decoration Day.

Get right at it, boys, and don't rest until the work is fully done.

W. G. LANE.

## Call for City Warrants.

There is money on hand to pay general fund warrants numbered 3651, 3629, 3746, 3646, 3745, 3765, 3766, and 3768 indorsed Dec. 3rd, 1903. Interest will stop on the same from this date, Feb. 13, 1908.

Z. H. DAVIS, City Treasurer. 16-18


## MAKES LIFE MISERABLE.

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## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Benton county, Oregon her final account as administratrix of the estate of C. H. Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 24th day of February, 1908, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been fixed and appointed by said Court as the time and the County Judge's office in the county court house in Corvallis in said County and state as the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof. All persons interested and desiring to object thereto are notified to file their objections thereto in writing with the Clerk of said Court and appear at said time and place.

ETTA F. LEE,
As administratrix of the Estate of C. H. Lee, deceased.

## SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Benton County.

Della Read, Applicant and Plaintiff
vs.
Hannah Rowland, Polly Mitchell, heirs-at-law of Lucretia Hallock, deceased, Sara H. Strahan, Claude Strahan, Fayne Lewis, heirs-at-law of S. Strahan, deceased, and Henry Lewis, and "All whom it may concern," Defendants.

In the matter of the application of Della Read to register the title to the following described real property: The original D. L. C. of Hannah S. Hallock and Lucretia Hallock, his wife, it being Claim No. 59, being parts of Secs. 4 and 9, in Township 11 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, Benton county, Oregon, described as follows, towit: Beginning at the S. E. corner of said Section 4, and running thence north 38 min., east 40 chains, thence west 27 chains and 50 links, thence south 44 chains and 00 links, thence north 89 deg. and 24 min west 23 chains and 57 links, thence south 26 chains and 25 links, thence east 00 chs. and 25 links, and thence north 25 chains to the place of beginning in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Or., and containing 320 acres and 28-100 of an acre.

To Hannah Rowland, Polly Mitchell, Sara H. Strahan, Fayne Lewis, Henry Lewis, and "All whom it may concern"—Defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon you and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint and application filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 21st day of February, 1908, said date being six weeks from and after the date of the first publication of this Summons. The first publication of this summons being on the 10th day of January, 1908, and the last publication thereof being on the 21st day of February, 1908, if you fail so to answer for want there of, the plaintiff and applicant will apply to the Court for the relief demanded and prayed for in said complaint and application, to-wit, for a decree decreeing, determining and adjudging that the defendants and each of them, and "All whom it may concern" have no estate, right, title or interest in and to the following described real property towit: The original D. L. C. of Hannah S. Hallock and Lucretia Hallock, his wife, it being Claim No. 59, being parts of Secs. 4 and 9 in Township 11, South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, Benton county, Oregon, described as follows, towit: beginning at the S. E. corner of said Sec 4 and running thence north 38 minutes east 40 chains, thence west 27 chains and 50 links, thence south 44 chains and 00 links, thence north 89 deg and 24 minutes west 23 chains and 57 links, thence south 26 chains and 25 links thence east 00 chains and 25 links and thence north 25 chains to the place of beginning in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, and containing 320 acres and 28-100 of an acre, at law or in equity in possession, expectancy reversion or remainder and that you and each of you be forever concluded, enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatsoever or at all in or to said real property adverse to the plaintiff and applicant; that the Court by such decree and and declare the title or interest of the applicant in the said real property and decree that she is the sole and only owner and person who has an interest in said land as in the application prayed for, and further by such decree order the Registrar of titles in and for the county of Benton and State of Oregon to register the title to said property as found by the decree of said Court and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem meet and equitable, in the premises.

This Summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of Honorable R. Woodward, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county made on the 6th day of January, 1908, directing publication thereof once a week for six consecutive and successive weeks in the Corvallis Gazette, said Corvallis Gazette being a newspaper of general circulation and published weekly at Corvallis, Benton county, State of Oregon.

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J. F. YATES,
Attorney for Plaintiff and Applicant.


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