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## Geo. G. Gross

Democratic Candidate for County Commissioner

### Statement and Platform

Some six months ago when I was nominated for the office of County Commissioner I felt that it was about time to call a halt on our County expenses. At this time I realize it more than ever.

Realizing the fact that Lane County Taxes are entirely too high, if elected to office of County Commissioner, I shall use every endeavor, consistent with good Government, to lessen the burden and rate of taxation. I am in favor of strict economy in every business issue coming before the County Court and will adhere to the policy of economy first, last and always.

I believe in good roads over all the County and not in Scenic highways in parts of the County and bottomlands roads elsewhere. I believe in strict economy in the building of roads and that a County the same as any individual should receive a dollar's worth of work for each dollar expended.

Realizing the fact that many commissions carrying with them high salaries are useless, I am in favor of doing away with said commissions and thereby making taxes less.

Believing that the Farmers of Lane County are competent to do their farm work, and that the Housewives are competent to do their housework and can take care of their own affairs, I am in favor of doing away with the County Farm Expert, thereby saving the County \$2,000 salary per annum paid him.

Believing the average school teacher employed by his school directors and assistance of the County School Superintendent, is able to handle the School affairs of his school district, I favor abolishing the four County School Supervisors of the County, thereby saving \$6,480 annually to the taxpayer.

The County Poor Farm and Buildings cost Lane County \$20,125. To care for the County poor in 1913 cost \$15,807.62 I believe the County poor are costing too much for maintenance, much of which is due to poor management and unbusinesslike methods. We must care for the County poor, however, I believe in doing so along more economical lines than heretofore have been pursued.

The amounts of taxes collected in Lane County during the past seven years and for each year was as follows, to-wit:

1908	.....	\$ 336,974.30
1909	.....	433,500.19
1910	.....	496,903.93
1911	.....	630,484.91
1912	.....	795,737.22
1913	.....	805,863.93
1914	.....	1,098,127.28

This I believe too rapid a stride even for progressive Oregon, and I believe in cutting expenditures so that taxes will hereafter decrease rather than increase.

If elected to the office I seek, I will ever stand ready to listen and carefully consider all petitions and recommendations coming from the Farmers, Business men and taxpayers of Lane County. Respectfully submitted,

**GEORGE G. GROSS**  
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### In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane.

**JOHN BADER, Plaintiff,**  
AGAINST:

Hattie Munson, Nellie Irwin, Mary Chambers, H. H. Hazelton, C. C. Hazelton, J. M. Hazelton, A. L. Hazelton, J. W. Hazelton, George Hazelton, Royal Hazelton, the unknown heirs at law of F. M. Hazelton, deceased, the unknown heirs at law of Royal H. Hazelton, deceased, M. D. Redford, Redford, her husband, or the unknown heirs at law of said M. D. Redford if deceased, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein.

### DEFENDANTS.

To Hattie Munson, Nellie Irwin, Mary Chambers, H. H. Hazelton, C. C. Hazelton, J. M. Hazelton, A. L. Hazelton, J. W. Hazelton, George Hazelton, Royal Hazelton, the unknown heirs at law of F. M. Hazelton, deceased, M. D. Redford, Redford, her husband, or the unknown heirs at law of said M. D. Redford if deceased; And all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein; Defendants:

### IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 27th day of November, 1914, and if you fail so to answer for want thereof the Plaintiff will take judgment against you as prayed for in said complaint, namely: That the deed recorded on page 297 of Volume "M" of the deed records of Lane County, Oregon, be reformed and corrected by making the names of the grantee therein in M. J. Redford instead of M. D. Redford; that the deed recorded on page 296 of Volume "G" of said deed records be reformed and corrected by making the description therein read Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in Block 1 of Hazelton's Second Addition to Cottage Grove in Lane County, Oregon; that plaintiff be decreed to be the lawful owner of Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 in said Block 1; that the title thereto be quieted in him; and that you and each of you be forever barred and estopped from claiming any interest therein adverse to his title.

This summons is served by publication thereof once each week for six successive weeks in The Cottage Grove Sentinel by order of the Hon. L. T. Harris, Judge of said Court, made and entered on the 6th day of October, 1914, and the first publication thereof

was made on the 7th day of October, 1914.

**A. E. WHEELER,**  
**ALTA KING,**  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA HARTUNG, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Lane County, made on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1914, in the matter of the estate of Maria Hartung, deceased, the undersigned, duly appointed, acting and qualified executor of said estate, will sell at private sale, on the premises described below, at Cottage Grove, Oregon, for cash in hand and according to law, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: Beginning at a point 95 links south and 365 links east of the northeast corner of O. P. Adams' land; thence east 150 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence west 150 feet; thence north 100 feet to the place of beginning. Also beginning at a point 44 links south from the southeast corner of county survey No. 179; thence west 632 links to a point 44 links south of the southwest corner of said county survey No. 179; thence south 193 links; thence east 365 links; thence north 100 feet; thence east 267 links; thence north 36 links to the place of beginning, all in Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon.

Save and except a tract of land described as follows: Beginning at a point 237 links south of the northeast corner of O. P. Adams' land, said beginning point being the southwest corner of the land owned at the date hereof by Maria Hartung, and the northeast corner of land owned at date hereof by H. H. Veatch; thence east 5.92 chains; thence north two feet; thence in a southwesterly direction 5.92 chains to the place of beginning, describing a triangular piece of land 5.92 chains east and west, two feet wide at east end, running to a point at west end, all of said land situated in Section 32, Township 29 S., R. 3 West, in Lane County, Oregon. Said sale will commence on the 12th day of November, 1914, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, and continue until all of said property is sold.

**W. A. HARTUNG, Executor.**  
**H. J. SHINN, Attorney.** 014-11

### East Main Street Assessment.

Notice is hereby given, that an assessment in the sum of \$42.29 for the improvement of East Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon, was levied on the property hereinafter described, by Ordinance No. 329, passed by the Common Council of said City and approved by the Mayor on the 18th day of September, 1911, and that the said amount was entered in the Docket of City Liens of said City on the 18th day of September, 1911, at page No. 44 of said Docket, which said property is described as follows:

Begin at the S. E. corner of D. L. C. No. 58, thence North 25 feet, to place of beginning; run thence North 21 feet; thence South 28 1/2 degrees West 22 feet more or less and thence East to the point of beginning.

That the names of the owners or reputed owners of the above described property are D. G. McFarland and other unknown heirs of James H. McFarland, deceased, whose residences are unknown; that said assessment is due and unpaid, and that the same is required to be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Cottage Grove within ten days from the date of the final publication of this notice.

Dated this 7th day of October, 1914.  
**J. E. YOUNG, City Recorder.**

### West Main Street Assessment.

Notice is hereby given, that an assessment in the sum of \$155.20 for the improvement of West Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon, was levied on Lot No. 1, of Block No. 2, of Hazelton's Second Addition to Cottage Grove, by Ordinance No. 361, passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor on the 25th day of November, 1912, and that said assessment was entered in the Docket of City Liens on page 49 thereof on the second day of December, 1912; That the names of the owners or reputed owners of said property are Mrs. G. W. Beeman, Addie Nicholas and William Stevens, none of whom are to be found in the City of Cottage Grove, the residence of Mrs. G. W. Beeman, being Eugene, Oregon, and the residence and postoffice address of the other reputed owners being unknown; that said assessment is due and unpaid and that the said is required to be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Cottage Grove within ten days from the date of the final publication of this notice.

Dated this seventh day of October, 1914.  
**J. E. YOUNG, City Recorder.**

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### SOCIALISTS ASK SENTINEL SOME QUESTIONS

Cottage Grove, Oct. 17.—Editor Sentinel: It seems to the members of this body that the controversy raging between your paper and the U. X. Union over the merits of the \$1500 exemption as a tax law, and even the proposed law itself, has admirably served the purpose of hiding the real issue. We believe this issue to be the land question. Hence we are going to take the liberty of submitting a few questions which we believe will not only seek to obtain your views on this subject, but will present our side as well.

1.—Has any man (except in certain reclamation undertakings, etc.), ever created a single cubic inch of land, any more than he has created a single cubic inch of air?  
2.—If he has not, then by what right

# FARMERS, BEWARE—TAKE CARE

The following letter is submitted to the voters of Oregon by the Hop Growers and Dealers Association on behalf of 1,400 farmers representing 25,000 acres of land devoted to the Hop Industry of Oregon:

For many years we have been engaged in the growing and marketing of Hops. One land is particularly suited for this purpose. Our work and our energy has for years been devoted to the development of this industry. The time has now come when you are being asked, by your VOTE, to ruin us.

It is urged that we can "use this land to raise something else." This may be true. How are we going to get along however while we are waiting to "raise" something else? YOU know that the hardest condition that a producer has to meet is the securing of a market for his product. How are we going to get along until we secure that market? Suppose that we should decide to raise apples, prunes or loganberries, etc. You know the years it takes to develop them. How are we to get along in the meantime? You know that each of these products, and many others, are frequently a "glut" on the market. Suppose that we start to produce what you are producing. Then you will have more competitors—the market will be flooded—YOU will receive less for what you produce.

We fully realize that many sincere people favor State Wide Prohibition BELIEVING that it will be the means of correcting the "Liquor Habit." This has NOT PROVEN to be the case, for the reason that FIFTEEN States, after a full and fair trial ranging over a period of from one to fifty years have REJECTED IT.

Don't you feel that if State Wide Prohibition had been beneficial that those FIFTEEN States that had it would have kept it and not have REJECTED IT? It having been proved a FAILURE in those States how can it be a SUCCESS IN OREGON?

Thousands there are who favor Temperance but who hate the thought of Prohibition from a moral standpoint. Liquor far below the standard of whiskey is brewed and sold with deadly effect. Manhood and SELF RESPECT is weakened.

Now education is accomplishing the ultimate Temperance and licensed regulation of an open traffic is bringing about True Temperance whereas the history of Prohibition as a Theory APPLIED shows it has wrecked years of temperance advancement, driven the distribution of liquor "Under Cover" and secreted it from regulation and control by law.

Under our present "Local Option Laws" any community, that so desires, can stop the sale of liquor LOCALLY. The handling of this matter is in your hands LOCALLY. Under the proposed law it will be taken from your hands and administered by the State. Do you feel that the State will handle this matter more thoroughly than you can YOURSELVES?

It is claimed that the State will save money in the institutions for the Insane and Criminal if this measure goes into effect. Yet the Official United States Statistics show that the State of Kansas, that is now held up as an example for Oregon to follow, has more insane and criminals in its institutions than Oregon has, per capita.

It is claimed that this proposed law will improve economic conditions, yet the same Official United States Statistics show that the per capita wealth of Oregon is GREATER than that of Kansas.

Hundreds of stores will become vacant; thousands of men with families to support will be thrown out of their employment without compensation, and turned adrift in the sea of "unemployed" which is only too large now.

Do you feel that "times are so good" that you can afford to experiment and take this great revenue away from the State of Oregon?

Don't you feel that you have a big enough burden to bear now, and with the new National Tax Measure now being framed at Washington it will be HEAVIER still?

Don't you feel that the FAIR way is to ENFORCE the laws we now have, which are fully ample in every way to govern the "Liquor Abuse," and NOT pass a law that will accomplish no good but will RUIN US?

We ask you to talk this matter over with your wife, or your friends or your neighbors—consider it fully and candidly—consider it in the light of "FAIR PLAY"—consider it in the light of a "SQUARE DEAL"—and then we ask you to go to the polls and do for us as we would for you under similar conditions, VOTE 333 X NO, and so save OUR interests from RUIN.

Remember the Local Option Laws will be swept away if Prohibition is voted but they will STAND AS THEY ARE if Prohibition is Defeated.

Very sincerely,  
HOP GROWERS' AND DEALERS' ASSOCIATION OF OREGON.

*A. J. Ray*  
President.

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into the land than did its creator, and does any man (except in the instances referred to above) charge another man anything for the use of a single inch of land?

3.—Would he not have just as much right to charge him for the use of so much air, if such a thing were possible?

4.—Can you give a sound, logical justification of the ethical basis of land rent?

5.—Can you justify ethically the right of any person to the unearned increment of that portion of Mother Earth he happens to be holding?

6.—If there is no ethical basis for these things, don't you think that they ought to be done away with?

7.—Don't you think that it ought to be so arranged that the land held for these purposes could be placed at the disposal of the people who would use it for a better purpose?

8.—Considering the advance in the specialization of agriculture, does it not seem possible that it must be undertaken on a scale similar to that prevailing in other industries?

9.—Considering the social importance of this undertaking, don't you think society as a whole ought to obtain the ultimate direction and management of agriculture, instead of leaving it to the mercy of profit seekers?

10.—Considering the advance in democracy, don't you think that this undertaking will have to be democratically controlled?

We also note with much interest your eulavorous championship of Oregon's industries against "freak" labor laws. We would like to know:

First.—What part did the workingmen's compensation act play in the closing of some of the local lumber mills, as you intimated in a May editorial that it did?

Second.—Has the eight-hour law on public works been a detriment or a benefit?

Third.—Is the regulation of the hours and wages of women employed in the various industries really such a menace as the little column in your paper on Oregon's industries sometimes intimates it is?

Fourth.—Do you think that the hours and wages of men employed in the various industries of Oregon so ideal as to need no betterment?

Fifth.—If it is impossible for Oregon's industries to run at a profit under the operation of laws so broadly relative to human welfare, don't you think that an additional argument is brought forward for the Department of Industry and Public Works?

Sincerely yours,  
**LOCAL COTTAGE GROVE SOCIALIST PARTY,**  
C. B. HAYS, Chairman  
A. F. HOWARD, Secretary.

The Sentinel regrets that the above letter was not written early enough in the campaign to permit of going into detail regarding the questions asked. Because of demands upon space the replies must be very brief.

We are pleased to have the Socialists be so frank as to say that the \$1500 tax exemption measure itself hides the real issue—the land question. It is because the measure is a long step towards single tax that The Sentinel opposes it. No discussion of single tax is possible now, but regardless of whether we could show single tax to be right or wrong, no deep thinker can help but realize that Oregon has got to assimilate some of the laws it has before going any further—and that single tax in any one state would put it at a serious disadvantage for a long time, at least, with other states not having that system of taxation. Development of Oregon is now at a standstill. If we are going to preserve a state upon which to try these experiments in the future, we have got to leave them alone at present. Too much experimenting now means nothing to experiment upon later. Whether national single tax might prove beneficial The Sentinel has not now the space to discuss. As a state law The Sentinel is certain beyond doubt that it would create havoc.

The questions asked will be answered by number.

1.—The man who has cleared the land and put buildings upon it has put more we have failed to find any justification,

ethical or otherwise, for taking the fruits of his labor away from him by unjust tax laws. No single tax law could be justifiable that did not remunerate a man for what it took away from him.

The answer to question No. 1 makes unnecessary a reply to No. 2 and 3. Questions 4 to 10 can only be answered by a lengthy treatise on single tax and Socialism, for which we have no space at this time.

The Sentinel's contention regarding the \$1500 tax exemption has been that it should be opposed by those who do not believe in single tax. We have not attempted to show why single tax is a fallacy. Therefore, we do no injustice to the Socialists by not attempting to expose single tax at this time. The Socialists make the \$1500 tax exemption clear. It is pure single tax limited and should be supported by those who believe in single tax and opposed by those who do not believe in single tax. All The Sentinel has asked, and all that it now asks, is that no voter go to the polls not knowing that the measure is a single tax measure. With every voter understanding that it is single tax The Sentinel is satisfied that the result will be satisfactory to it.

To the second set of questions: First.—When the May editorial was written the workmen's compensation act was not in operation. The statements made therein were true at that time. What the conditions are now The Sentinel has not learned, but our questioners can learn, if they really wish to, by going to the same source of information that we would have to.

Second.—That law has not been long enough in operation to give so sweeping an opinion at this time. It has, undoubtedly, increased the cost of public improvements, which may be interesting to the over-burdened taxpayer. The Sentinel, however, is not an advocate of an endless workday.

Third.—The statements made in the industrial review are undoubtedly true. The Sentinel would, however, endorse some kind of a national law of that character.

Fourth.—Decidly no.  
Fifth.—No.