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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



HAS HE CHANGED HIS MIND?

There is one very noteworthy difference between Mr. Cake and Mr. Fulton. Mr. Cake favors the election of United States Senators by popular vote, and is willing to leave his candidacy in the hands of the people. Mr. Fulton was once of the same notion, or, at least, he so declared himself. That was just after the election of Mr. Bourne and Mr. Munkey by the Legislature. But it would appear that Mr. Fulton is no longer willing to abide by the people's choice, or even the Republican choice. A few days after the Legislature had ratified the choice of Bourne and Mulkey, Mr. Fulton gave out an interview in which he declared that he would go before the people for his re-election in 1908, and that he would abide by the result. He must have been of the same mind a few months later, when, in Corvallis, he stated positively that if he should be defeated at the primaries, he would withdraw from the race and not permit the further use of his name. It would seem possible, however, that the Senator has changed his mind, if the papers quote him correctly, for when asked a few days ago if he would still strive for the office if beaten in the primaries he is reported to have answered: "I am making no statements at this time."

How much better it would have sounded had he come right out and manfully declared that, if defeated at the primary, he would loyally support the successful Republican candidate for election in June. This is what every Republican will have to do, if the party would hope to defeat the Democratic candidate. It is what Mr. Fulton will expect his party to do for him, if he is nominated, and it is what he should be willing to do for his opponent, should the latter be successful at the primary.

Surely, Mr. Fulton would not be willing to carry his candidacy into the Legislature, should another Republican be chosen at the primary and endorsed by the people in June. The Onseaver is not an admirer of the Senator, but it does not believe that he would even think of pursuing such a course. Consequently, if he is desirous of seeing his party successful in electing a Senator, if he would hope for that same loyal support in the event of his nomination that he should be willing to give to another of his party, if chosen for its standard-bearer; if he would promote that harmony which all true Republicans desire, and which will be necessary if the party is to win in June, he will no longer permit the statement attributed to him by the Washington correspondent to stand uncontradicted.

The Independence cannery subscription has reached \$6000, and is still growing. The farmers living around the town are taking a lively interest in the project and are subscribing liberal sums in addition to the amount raised among the business men. The success of the enterprise is now assured.

The Republican convention held in Marion county to nominate or "recommend" a county ticket adjourned without taking any action. Senator Tom Kay poured some hot shot into the meeting when he declared that the direct primary law was enacted by Republicans, and warned the delegates that Republicans should not be the first to violate it. He pointed out the inconsistency of endorsing the law, and, at the same convention, violating its provisions. Such a course, he declared, would only cause friction and divide the Republican vote of the county. There were enough level-headed delegates like Senator Kay to carry the day, and the convention adjourned without putting out a ticket.

John Bayne, a prominent Salem attorney, transacted business at the courthouse, Tuesday.

We Hear of More Cures

Of troubles originating in impure blood, scrofula, loss of appetite, catarrh, rheumatism, by Hood's Sarsaparilla than by all other so-called remedies combined. Somehow those cured by Hood's seem to stay cured, and they gladly tell the good news to others.

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MEASURE DESERVES DEFEAT

Correspondent Clearly Points Out Injustice of Proposed Land Tax Law.

BRIDGEPORT, Or., Mar. 14.—(To the Editor.)—An amendment to the constitution of Oregon has been proposed, and is to be voted on at the June election, that should receive the attention of the voters. The amendment referred to is the one proposing to place all the expense of state and county government on land, and exempt all other kinds of property from taxation. Plausible argument favoring it is being written and sent out to voters, but the answer to it all is simple.

There are at least one hundred cases in court involving rights to personal property to every one where real estate is involved. All of the criminal cases are either invasions of personal security, or arise from injury to, or asportation of, personal property. So that almost all of the expense of maintaining our courts is necessary on account of the litigation over questions where the rights to personal property, in some form, are involved; yet it is proposed to make the land alone pay the expense.

It is claimed by the advocates of the single tax that any other form of taxation is a tax on labor. Does not any man know that, in its final analysis, even land itself derives its commercial value from labor? To the practical man, purely academic discussions have no more place in business affairs than do the elaborate discussions of the theologians of the Sixteenth Century on the question of how many souls could balance on the point of a needle.

It is also claimed, (and here is where the single-tax theorist grows eloquent,) that a tax on land alone would be so burdensome on the landholder that he would be forced to sell his holdings. I admit that the tax would be burdensome, but I deny that he would sell. He might abandon, but he would not sell—and for a very simple reason. He would have no purchasers. Who would buy it if it was taxed so no one could hold? Mr. Single Tax, you prove too much.

Again, if the argument that land would become cheap be true, then the rate of taxation would be increased, and that again would reduce the price, thus increasing the rate until the commercial value of the land would be reduced to nothing. Then no one could sell, for no one would buy a thing worth nothing, and the holdings would remain where they are. Then, with no cash value to the land, there would be no basis of assessment, and with the proposed amendment made a part of our constitution, there would be no property to tax. How would the government be run then?

If no one could hold land, because taxed out of existence, how could the county collect its taxes? The landowner could refuse to pay. Then what would happen? The court would order a sale of the land. Now just imagine the condition: The Sheriff would advertise that he would sell at the courthouse. If he stated what would then be common knowledge, he would say: "Gentlemen, I now offer for sale a piece of property that, if you should own it, will be so burdened with taxes that you cannot sell it, nor keep it. The commercial value of this land is nothing. Now, how much am I offered?" No bidders. The county buys it in and cancels the tax.

Now, Mr. Single Tax, what can, or will, the county do? The land is not money, and it will not sell for money, if your amendment produces the result you claim for it. If it will not operate to reduce the price of land to nothing, what will it do? The whole theory of Henry George, the originator of the idea of land alone carrying the burden of government, is predicated upon the assumption that the landowner would be forced to sell. Would not the purchaser, in turn, be forced to sell? So I repeat, who would buy?

One of the strong (?) arguments of the advocates of this amendment is that one block in Portland would be assessed as much as 61,000 acres of Valley land, and thus the farmers' tax would be reduced. How do they know that would be true, and if so, how would that help the farmer? The land in each county must pay the expenses of each county, and the state tax is based on the ratio of county expense to the expense of the state. A high or low valuation of Portland property does not affect our assessment.

I have stated but a few of the objections to the proposed amendment. The proposition is so ridiculous and unfair that one could multiply objections by the hour. All thinking men agree that many inequalities exist under the present system of taxation, but that is the fault of men, and not of the system. In any event, is it not better to "bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of?"

Think for a moment: No tax on railroads, steamboat lines, manufacturing institutions, packing houses, stores, money, goods, notes, stock in corporations, stock on the range, fine buildings, gold mines in fact, everything except land! Is it possible that back of the so-called Tax Reform League stand a lot of men whose purpose it is to escape taxation, force land down to a mere song, buy it, then change the law back to something like justice?

The American people love a joke; they enjoy a discussion; they are tolerant of fads, fancies and follies; they endure cranks. But when a crank takes up a fad, and tries to argue a joke into the constitution, the sober second thought of the people asserts itself, and that settles it. Let every voter think seriously of the far-reaching effect of any proposed amendment

of the fundamental law before giving it its sanction. If he doubts its wisdom, he should vote "no."

GLEN O. HOLMAN.

For County Judge.

J. G. VanOrsdel, candidate for County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, on the Democratic ticket, to be voted for at the primary on the 17th of April, 1908, submits the following platform:

First. I will advocate good roads and a fair distribution of the road tax. It is not just to collect taxes from the outlying districts, and not give the taxpayer his share of the road work to make it more convenient for him to reach market.

Second. No waste of public money; strictest economy consistent with a good administration of county affairs; a square deal and good treatment for every one.

Third. I will try, if nominated and elected, to work in harmony with the County Commissioners so far as I think is for the good of the people.

Fourth. Should the voters of Polk County decide that I am the proper person to fill the office of County Judge, I will give to the management of the business of the County the same energetic and careful attention that I have given my own business.

Fifth. I believe in the Direct Primary. I think this is one of the agencies in the hands of each elector to bring the government nearer to the people, and take it out of the "boss rule," giving us "a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

I will say in conclusion that I served the people of this county from 1898 to 1902 as sheriff, and you can look into my record, and if found wanting, you can turn me down the same as you should any man that is unfaithful in his trust.

J. G. VANORSDEL.

Glen Butler was over from his Grand Ronde ranch on a business visit this week.

Dry fir cordwood wanted in any quantity up to 500 cords; to be delivered in Dallas or Falls City. For further particulars, call on, or address, Salem Falls City & Western Ry. Co., Dallas.

Notice to Contractors. Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for the construction of a schoolhouse in School District No. 66, Polk county, Oregon. Plans may be seen at the home of School Clerk F. O. Isaac, or at the office of H. C. Seymour, School Superintendent of Polk county. All bids to be sent to F. O. Isaac, Grand Ronde, Oregon, and to be opened April 15, 1908. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

F. O. ISAAC, Clerk.

For Sale. I offer for sale the following personal property: Organ, bedroom set, dresser, 3 iron bedsteads, 2 sets chairs, 3 rockers, couch, kitchen cabinet, dining table, 2 center tables, 2 stands, all this furniture is as good as new; "Quick Meal" range stove; No. 3 Sharples tubular cream separator, used three months; a extra good milk cows; sow and 6 pigs, good driving mare, 2 standard-bred colts, coming one and two years old; 10-foot iron lever harrow, 14-inch walking plow, disk gang plow, farm truck with patent rack, lumber wagon, hack, open buggy, 10-foot hay rake, work harness, single harness; lots of other stuff too numerous to mention, also some wheat. For sale at my place one mile south of Bridgeport station; Mutual phone White Line No. 5553. ALLEN O. DUBIE, Dallas R. F. D. 2.

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Cow For Sale. Good milk cow for sale. W. P. MARNS. Dallas, Oregon. 2-28-tf.

Apple Trees For Sale. For sale cheap, 125 T. C. King apple trees. Inquire of G. O. Grant. 2-28-tf.

Cockerels For Sale. I have a few full blood, rose comb Rhode Island Red cockerels for sale. Mrs. J. J. FIDLER.

White Leghorn Eggs. Pure bred White Leghorn eggs. \$3 per hundred. J. E. MILLER, Coolidge Farm, Rickreall, Oregon. 3-3-St.

Goats For Sale. About sixty goats for sale: one-third nannies. S. L. STEWART, McCoy, Or. 3-13-3t.

Eggs For Sale. Ancona chicken eggs for hatching; \$1 for 15. F. N. RONDES, Dallas. 3-17-8t.

Oak Wood. 16-inch grab oak heater wood for sale. E. M. COCHRAN. Leave orders at Webster's confectionery store. 2-27-tf.

Shingles For Sale. A carload of Star A Star shingles received this week by the SORESEN WAREHOUSE Co. 10-1-4t.

What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, eat and drink little or had taste in morning, "heartburn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such ailments. It is a most efficient liver purgative, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at its formula will show that it contains no alcohol, or habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, from the roots of the following native American forest plants, viz., Golden Seal root, Stone root, Black Cherrylark, Queen's root, Bloodroot, and Mandrake root.

The following leading medical authorities, among a host of others, extol the foregoing roots for the cure of just such ailments as the above symptoms indicate: Prof. R. Bartholin, M. D., of Jefferson Med. College, Phila.; Prof. H. C. Wood, M. D., of the University of Michigan; M. H. H. M. D., of Hahnemann Med. College, Leipzig; Prof. John King, M. D., Author of American Dispensary; Prof. J. M. Schuder, M. D., Author of Specific Medicines; Prof. J. H. H. M. D., Med. Dept. N. Y.; Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., Author of Materia Medica and Prof. in Bennett Medical College, Chicago. Send name and address on Postal Card to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive free booklet giving extracts from writings of all the above medical authorities and many others endorsing in the strongest possible terms, each and every ingredient of which "Golden Medical Discovery" is composed.

Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. They may be used in conjunction with "Golden Medical Discovery" if bowels are much constipated. They're tiny and sugar-coated.

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Boarders Wanted. Lady recently from the East would like a few boarders. Inquire of Mrs. W. S. SIMSON, Court street, one and one-half blocks east of Courthouse. 3-13-4t.

For Rent. 50-acre farm, from one to four years. Good buildings and water. All kinds of fruit. 12 acres plow land, rest pasture. Percy Hadley, Airlie, D. A. Critchlow, Dallas. 2-18-tf.

City Property For Sale. I have three houses and a number of vacant lots in Dallas for sale. I am selling my own property; the buyer gets the commission. Call at Lydie's feed store. H. M. PEEBLES. 3-17-8t.

For Service. Registered yellow Jersey bull for service, two miles from Dallas on Salem road. R. T. PIERCE, Mutual phone, Rickreall line, 51. 2-28-tf.

English Walnut Trees. For the next 30 days I will sell walnut trees in quantities of from 1 to 1000, at the reduced rate of 10 cents each. E. E. BRZLEY, Falls City. 2-27-tf.

Farm For Sale. Good 300-acre dairy and stock farm, two miles from railroad; good grass and farming land; plenty of running water; good house and barn and sheds. Call on or address JAMES A. GIBSON, Sheridan, Or., R. F. D. 1. 8-10-tf.

Wood For Sale. Do you need wood? We want to remind you that the block wood from the Willamette Valley Lumber Company's sawmill is the best and cheapest wood you can buy. \$1.75 per load, delivered. Mutual phone 1407, or leave orders at Webster's confectionery store. 11-23-tf. BOWMAN BROS.

For Sale. 120 Acres, well fenced for Goats, 10 acres Cultivated. 4 Acres of bearing Apples, Prunes, Pears, Cherries. 4 room house, Barn 20x40 ft. Good well, 3 springs, and stream of sparkling water, the entire year. A lot of fine Timber. Tell me if this is not a real snap. Two, 10 acre homes, in the City, at bargain. Also have Farms and City Property too numerous to mention and vacant lots.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Peter Wheeler, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Monday, the 6th day of April, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court room of said County Court, in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

PAUL FUNDMAN, Administrator of the estate of Peter Wheeler, deceased. Oscar Hayter, Attorney. Dated and first published March 6, 1908.

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