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The way to build up Dallas is to pat-
ronize Dallas people.



THE SINGLE TAX.

Encouraged by their success in car-
rying the taxation amendment to vic-
tory in the last state election, the con-
stitution tinkers now boldly admit that
they have been using the initiative and
referendum as a means to a single end;
that they have been advocating and
supporting popular legislation all these
years entirely as a vehicle for foisting
on the people their theory of taxing
land values. At a meeting of single-
taxers held in Portland, Tuesday night,
W. S. U'Ren is quoted as saying:
"I read 'Progress and Poverty' in
1882 and I went just as crazy over the
single tax idea as any one else ever
did. I knew I wanted the single tax,
and that was about all I did know. But
the world refused to be agitated for
what I wanted. In 1892 I learned
what the initiative and referendum is,
and then I saw the way to the single
tax. So I quit talking the single tax
because I saw that the first job was to
get the initiative and referendum."

After getting this bold confession
out of his system, Mr. U'Ren proceeded
to tell the steps that were taken to de-
ceive the voters in the last election.
He says:
"All the work we have done for di-
rect legislation has been done with the
single tax in view, but we were not
talking single tax. That was not the
kind of light to make. We rely upon
the printed word, and we do not
advocate the questions actually before
the people to be voted on, but we do
not go outside the record."
The Observer does not recall ever
having read a more shameless and
brazen admission of a scheme to de-
ceive the people. They did not go
"outside the record." No; they pre-
pared an adroitly-worded amendment
to the constitution in which the words
"single tax" were carefully avoided,
but which had for its sole object the
foisting of this revolutionary and
dangerous system upon the state, and
they gave the measure a cunningly-
prepared title which led the average
voter to believe that the principal ob-
ject sought was the abolishment of the
unpopular poll tax. It is safe to say
that thousands of voters supported this
amendment with no other object in
view—little dreaming that while vot-
ing against a poll tax they were open-
ing the way for the odious single tax.
"We rely on the printed word," says
Mr. U'Ren, and in this instance, as in
all other U'Ren laws, the "printed
word" had been so cunningly framed
as to convey no suggestion of the real
object of the measure. The title was,
as usual, the sugar coating on the pill.
How much farther are the people
of Oregon going to follow this man
U'Ren? What have they gained by
following such leadership? Is Oregon
more prosperous than its sister states,
which have none of the U'Ren fads or
fancies? Are the U'Ren fads reducing
our taxes? Are they promoting the
commercial and industrial growth of
our state? The Observer thinks not,
and it believes a majority of the vot-
ers of Oregon will agree with its opin-
ion.

U'Ren has long played upon the
prejudices and passions of the people,
but at last his game stands forth in
all of its nakedness. It has been a
game of sophistry and deceit. While
pretending to be working to give the
people more power, he has sought to
deprive them of the power they have.
He would deliver Oregon as a prey to
unscrupulous political cut-throats by
taking the election of state and county
officers out of the hands of the people
and giving the Governor sole author-
ity to appoint them. He would place
the whole burden of taxation on the
shoulders of the farmer and the small
home owner, and let the railroad com-
panies, the wealthy manufacturing
corporations and the money changers
go scot free. He would favor the rich
tax dodgers by the enactment of a law
that would relieve them of even the
worst of dodging. He would mislead
the voters by his cunningly-worded
ballot titles, and then boast that it
is not always good policy to let the peo-
ple know what they are voting for.
"We carry our measures by sticking
to the printed word," exults U'Ren;
"we do not explain them to the peo-
ple; we do not call attention to the
carefully concealed 'jokers'; we never
go outside the record."

Only a great man can wisely and
modestly demand himself in the hour
of victory—and U'Ren is not great.
He is Oregon's political Uriah Heep.
He carried his single tax amendment
by strategy and deceit, and now, flush-
ed with success, he boasts of his cunning.
But this very boastfulness may prove
his undoing. The voters of Ore-
gon are not yet through with the
single tax, and they will doubtless
have something to say on the subject
at the next election. The reign of
U'Ren is nearing its end. Already one
can begin to see signs of the returning
dawn of the day of common sense.

COST OF LIVING.

That prices paid for eight different
articles of food, all necessities, ad-
vanced nearly 100 per cent between
October, 1905, and October, 1910, is
the startling statement made by Har-
vey Backwith, President of the Port-
land Commercial Club. He backs up
his assertion by quotations from Port-
land market reports. His figures,
showing advances in prices and dates
of quotations, are as follows:

Article	1905	1910
Potatoes	\$.45	1.30
Onions	.85	1.10
Veal	.65	1.25
Tomatoes	.40	1.00
Turnips	.25	.37
Butter	.25	.41
Eggs	.25	.41
Cheese	.14	.18

Hereafter, on Presidential years,
candidates for state and county offi-
ces will be nominated in April and the
election will be held in November.
Think of the seven long months of
agony for the anxious candidate. Here
is work for the Society for the Pre-
vention of Cruelty to Animals.

A farmer reader wants to know how
much the construction of an armory
for the Polk County militia company
would increase his taxes. The question
is a proper one, and the Observer
has taken pains to ascertain the cor-
rect answer. If this farmer pays taxes
on \$1000 worth of property, his share
of the cost of an armory would be 28
cents. Surely, no property owner
would object to paying such a small
sum for a building that would provide
a meeting place for all county gather-
ings, as well as a permanent home for
the soldier boys.

STATE TO BREED PHEASANTS

One Hundred Pairs Will Be Turned
Loose to Restock Oregon.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 15.—Game
Warden Stevenson, of Forest Grove,
has just placed an order with Gene
Simpson, the pheasant fancier, of Cor-
vallis, for 100 pairs of the Reeves
pheasant, to be delivered next Septem-
ber. These birds will be shipped by
the Game Warden to all parts of the
state and turned loose.

The Reeves pheasant is the largest
of the pheasant family and is a fine
game bird. As they are hardy and in-
crease rapidly in the wild state, it is
expected soon to have the forests of
Oregon well stocked with the birds.
Last year Mr. Simpson supplied the
state with 100 pairs of the pheasants.
They were distributed over Western
Oregon, and some were sent to Baker.
They were set at liberty at the various
points by persons who are co-operat-
ing with the Game Warden and who
have studied the birds as closely as
possible under the varying condi-
tions.

The following list shows the distri-
bution of the pheasants last fall and
the persons to whom they were sent to
be set at liberty in the various locali-
ties: Charles B. Gay, Medford; Eugene
Wright, Grants Pass; J. D. Wilson,
Yoncalla; Phillips Pitts, Albany; Paul
Houser, Corvallis; R. O. Stevenson,
Forest Grove; Dr. J. M. Short, Gresh-
am; Joe Smith, Soap Creek; James
Paquet, Portland; R. W. Veatch, Cot-
tage Grove; R. H. Corey, Baker; H.
Taylor Hill, Hillsboro; A. T. Fox, Astor-
ia; and Walter Honeyman, Portland.
The state pays \$15 a pair for the
Reeves pheasants.

MOHAIR OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Market For New Clip Opens Firm
at 32 Cents.

The mohair market is opening at a
better price than some of the dealers
expected. A few lots of new-clip hair
from the southern part of the Valley
have been received and from now on
the movement to market will be
steady. The bulk of the clip, however,
will be held for the pool sales, which
the first arrivals have been taken at 32
cents delivered at Portland and that
is the price that is being freely offered
throughout the country. Letters just
received from the East say the demand
for mohair prices has not been so strong
as yet, but it is expected the larger
buyers in this market are going ahead
and offering full prices.

The only pool sale arranged for as
yet is that at Dallas, which will be
held on April 15, but it is expected
the other points which usually hold
sales will soon announce their arrange-
ments.

WILLIAMS RESIDENCE SOLD

Ground Will Be Used Temporarily For
Frame Buildings Soon.

O. E. Williams has sold his resi-
dence on Court street, just east of the
Gall hotel, to Edwin Jacobson, who
will remove the building to another
part of town. Mr. Williams will re-
tain the lot, and his tailor shop will
remain where it is. He will shortly
begin the erection of a new residence
on the corner of Church and Mill
streets, across the street and west of
the Cottage hotel. Until the new
house is ready for occupancy, Mr. and
Mrs. Williams will live in their resi-
dence on Mill street, near the Evangel-
ical church.

In preparation for clearing the
ground for the big brick building
which R. E. Williams intends to erect
up on the southeast corner of Main
and Court streets, the frame buildings
now on that part of the lot, with the
exception of that used by the bakery,
will be moved over to the O. E. Wil-
liams property on the north side of
the street. The buildings and stock
will be moved intact, so that there may
be the least possible disturbance to the
tenants and customers.

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society of
the United Evangelical Church will
hold its monthly meeting at the home
of Mrs. E. N. Hall, next Tuesday after-
noon at 2 o'clock. Subject for discus-
sion, "Missionaries at Work." This
is the annual self-denial meeting, and
it will also mark the closing of the
present fiscal year. A number of im-
portant matters are to be considered.
A large attendance of members is de-
sired and a cordial invitation is ex-
tended to all friends of missions.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services Sunday, March 19:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Pastor preaches; topic,
"The Crucifixion Announced."
2:30 p. m.—Junior League.
6:30 p. m.—Senior League.
7:30 p. m.—Pastor preaches; topic,
"The Legend's Spot."
8:00 p. m.—Each Thursday evening, prayer ser-
vice. A cordial welcome to all to at-
tend any or all of our services.
GEORGE F. HOPKINS, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.
Services Sunday, March 19:
Sunday School, 9 a. m.
Morning service, 10 o'clock; topic of
sermon, "Keeping the Faith."
Christian Endeavor meeting, 6:30 p.
m.
Evening service, 7:30; topic of ser-
mon, "How the Inner Life Grows."
Midweek prayer meeting Thursday
evening, 7:30.
You are cordially invited to worship
with us.

Special Music—Morning.

Voluntary, "He Leadeth Me," Tritant
Response, "Hear Our Prayer," Lorena
Offertory, "Devotion," Flawell
Anthem, "The Hallelujahs of the Lord."
At the evening service a preliminary
musical program will be given by the
Men's Chorus.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

BUSINESS LOCALS

(Advertisements under this head
are charged at the rate of 1 cent per
word, first insertion; 1/2 cent per word
for each insertion thereafter; 30
words or less, \$1 per month. No ad-
vertisement inserted for less than 15
cents.)

For Sale.

Oak and Cedar posts. Soehren
Warehouse Company. 11-13-1f

For Sale.

Lot of furniture and household
goods. Good as new. 515 Washing-
ton street. 2-28-1f

New Wall Paper.

Wall paper, direct from the factory
—a very select line—at W. P. Hol-
man's.

For Rent.

Five-room house and good barn,
one acre of ground. Inquire Observer
office. 2-19-1f

Eggs For Sale.

Columbian Wyandotte eggs; \$2 per
setting of 15. Phone 15922. P. Helger-
son, Dallas, Oregon. 314-1f

Wanted.

Wanted, 20 or 30 good, fresh dairy
cows. R. A. Campbell, Sheridan, Ore-
gon. 12-6-1f

For Sale Cheap.

Solid black walnut child's bedstead
and springs for sale cheap; good as
new. H. G. Campbell. 1311f

Wanted, to Rent.

A furnished house or housekeeping
rooms, by April 1. Mrs. L. Lough,
510 Shelton street. 2-6-1f

For Sale.

Nearly new Kimball piano, taken
over from an Eastern firm; \$150 takes
it. Can arrange terms. Stockwell's
Music Store. 228-1f

For Rent.

For rent, the Francis Wrightson
place of 240 acres, in Peedee precinct,
Oscar Hayter, Agent, Dallas, Oregon. 9-23-1f

Eggs For Hatching.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds, Barred
and White Rocks, at \$2 per setting of
15. Mrs. Winnie Braden, P. O. Box
200, Dallas, Oregon. 3-10-1m

Team For Sale.

Good driving team; weight about
1000 pounds; ages 6 and 7. Call on, or
address, R. E. Foster, Dallas, R. F. D.
1. 2-7-1f

Wanted.

All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, cop-
per, zinc and hides. Highest cash
prices paid. A. N. Fallick, Monmouth,
Oregon. 3-12-1f

Spray Pumps.

At a bargain. Vaughn's Plumbing
Shop. 2-17-1f

Hay For Sale.

Nice, clean baled out hay for sale,
H. G. Campbell. 1311f

Cockerels For Sale.

White Wyandotte cockerels for sale;
Ringhouse strain, \$2.50. K. B. Kugel,
Dallas, Oregon. White turkey gobbler
wanted. 2-24-1m

Plymouth Rock Eggs For Sale.

Plymouth Rock eggs for sale; choice
strain; 40 cents a dozen. Mrs. W. M.
Sargeant, near Perrydale; Phone 553.
2-28-1f

Wanted.

By young woman, two furnished
rooms for light housekeeping, with
use of bath. Address Box 75, city. 317f

Eggs For Hatching.

S. C. M. I. Reds, high-class, prize-
winning stock, great egg-laying strain.
Eggs \$2 per 15. J. S. Macomber, Dal-
las, Oregon. Phone Black 25. 2-28f

For Sale.

One horse six years old weight 1200;
work single or double; one two-year-
old three-quarter blood Jersey, gives
two gallons per day. One "Trusty"
240-egg incubator and brooder. J. E.
Miller, Dallas. 3-14-1f

Donkey Engine For Sale.

Seattle donkey, 9 by 10 1/2. Fifteen
hundred feet 1-inch line; about 2500
feet trip rope; all necessary blocks,
hoists