

GIRL IS WINNER IN TAX DEBATE

ELSIE TELFORD DOWNS U'REN ARGUMENTS AT OREGON CITY.

Single Tax to Lead to Anarchy Girl Tells Judges—Farmer Soon But a Tenant—All Agree.

In the very home town of W. S. U'Ren a 17-year-old Oregon City high school girl, debating against Single Tax, defeated absolutely the arguments in favor of the U'Ren scheme outlined by older schoolmates in a recent debate.

Miss Elsie Telford was the tenth grade girl who had charge of the debate against Single Tax and all who heard the argument agreed with the judges, that she won with flying colors, despite the fact that it was the first time that she had ever engaged in a debate.

Right on Her Side.

Miss Telford declared after the encounter that she was sure of her fight because she had right on her side, while she was equally sure her friends had to debate a cause with which they had no conviction.

Some of Miss Telford's points were most trenchant. Here are some of them:

Farmer Loses Land.

"In case weather conditions did not favor crops and the landowner was unable to meet his taxes, then either the Government would take the land in payment of the taxes or it would be sold to the highest bidder.

"This would lead to anarchy.

"But more—the homeowner would defend his country and not so the tenant. The hireling will run but



MISS ELSIE TELFORD.

the shepherd will fight. The man with a home will fight for it. The man whose home is owned by the Government, or another, will run."

Single Tax Unjust Says Girl.

In her opening argument Elsie Telford said that Single Tax is unjust, because all wealth should bear a just and equal share of the expenses of the Government. If all business and the products of labor are exempt from taxation, which they will be under so-called Single Tax, taxes on land values, water powers, natural deposits, etc., will have to be raised accordingly to make up the deficit.

"For the same amount of money as before will be required to run the Government," added Miss Telford.

"The extra tax on water powers and natural deposits will not affect the common man, but the extra tax on land will work a hardship on him.

Land Taxed, But Not Cash.

"For instance, if a man cuts some wood and raises some potatoes, sells them and takes the money derived therefrom to the bank, Single Tax says his money shall be exempt from taxation—it is the result of the man's labor.

"But if he cuts some wood and raises some potatoes, sells them, and invests the money in a few lots for his home, Single Tax says these lots must be taxed. Does not this land still represent the result of this man's labor? His money in the bank is exempt from taxation and is drawing interest as well, but the same amount of labor invested in land is taxed.

Small Home Owner Hit.

"It is the man with the small home that will not be able to pay the extra tax. The landlord always has a way of making others pay it. The man with a home must get it out of the land and if his crops fail, where is he?"

"Single Tax means the Government as owner of the land and the farmer as tenant. It can mean nothing else."

EUGENE MAN NOT FOR SCHEME.

J. C. Ayers, of 419 Fourth street, Eugene, is but one of the thousands of people of Oregon who are far from being in sympathy with Single Tax. "We don't want Single Tax here," he says.

SCHOOL GIRLS BREAD CONTEST

Perrydale Milling Company Offers Valuable Prize for Bread Made From Their Flour.

For the purpose of encouraging housekeepers in the use of soft wheat flour and at the same time promoting interests in home pursuits in the schools, the Perrydale Milling Company has offered two prizes to be competed for by the school girls of the county at the Annual School Fair this coming fall. The proposition from the Milling Company as made to Supt. H. C. Seymour is as follows: Supt. H. C. Seymour, Dallas, Oregon.

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Manager Perrydale Milling Co.

DECREASED COAL PRODUCTION

Fuel Oil Supplants Coal in Washington and Oregon.

The production of coal in Washington in 1911 was 3,572,815 short tons, valued at \$8,174,170, according to the final returns compiled by Edward W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey, in co-operation with the State Geological Survey of Washington.

Washington is the only one of the Pacific Coast States in which coal mining is an industry of any importance. But Washington, although more remote, is like Oregon in that it is now feeling the influence of the competition of California fuel oil. Even the railroads having their own coal mines are using fuel oil in their locomotives on the mountain divisions, where a sparkless fuel gives protection against forest fires. Some of the Washington coal mines are within less than 50 miles of Puget Sound, yet most of the steamers plying in those waters are using oil for fuel, the saving in labor and the cleanliness of the liquid fuel giving it a decided advantage over coal, even when the latter may be cheaper at first cost. The decreased production of coal in Washington seems to be assignable to no other cause than the substitution of oil for coal, as trade conditions generally in 1911 were satisfactory. This decrease was 339,084 tons, or 8.67 per cent, from the production of 1910. The value decreased \$1,590,295, or

16.29 per cent. The principal decrease in production was in Kittitas County, in which the larger part of the output is taken from mines controlled by the Northern Pacific Railway. In fact, the decrease in Kittitas County was more than that of the State as a whole and bears witness to the influence of the use of oil in the railroad locomotives.

The number of men employed in the coal mines of Washington in 1911 was 6,498, who worked an average of 225 days, against 6,314, for 256 days, in 1910. At eight of the mines in the State washing plants have been installed, and 392,502 short tons of coal was washed in 1911, some of the washed coal being used in the manufacture of coke. The cleaned coal amounted to 338,707 short tons, and the refuse to 53,794 tons.

The returns to the United States Bureau of Mines show that 25 men were killed in the coal mines of Washington in 1911, the death rate per 1,000 employees was 3.85, and the number of tons mined for each life lost was 89,883.

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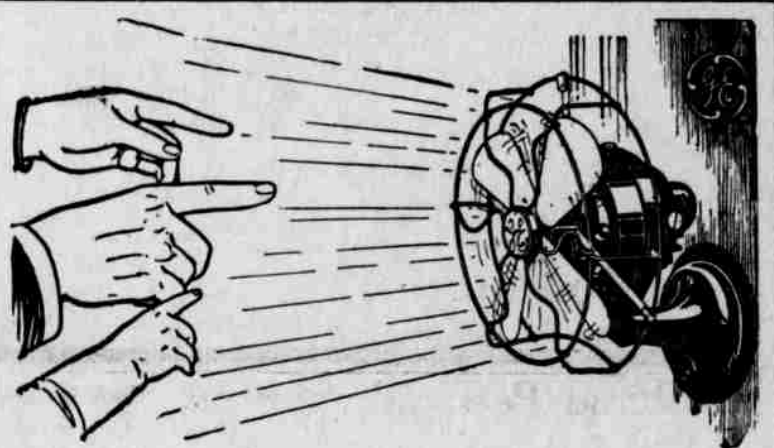
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