

Oregon Loses One Million in Cash

Fable Told in Which One Hundred Honest Farmers Come to Oregon to Invest—Single Tax Scars Them Away.

This is the Story of a Million Dollars. It is likewise a Fable. It is a Fable of what would happen every Week, perhaps every Day, if Single Tax passes in Oregon.

This Million Dollars was owned by 100 Honest Farmers, who came from every State in the Union. Of course, this is only a Fable because it assumes that Single Tax has become a Law and Single Tax never can and never will become a Law in Oregon.

But the Fabled Farmers came to Oregon with their Hearts Loaded with Troubles. Their Hearts were Heavy for those with Many Woes are always Troubled. And each of these Farmers had One Real Woe.

Each Had Troubles.

The Kansan had had his Farm almost Ruined by Grasshoppers and he was Determined to Move. A Raging Flood had wasted the Lands of the Louisianian and he, too, had decided on a Change. Cyclones it was that Worried the Farmer from Oklahoma and the Nebraskan Never Could Stand a Sandstorm. The Man from Maine was Tired to Death from Dynamiting the Little Rocks he said were all over his Farm. Impoverished Soil was the Pet Trouble of Him from New York.

Each came to Oregon, with Many Others, and Each owned Ten Thousand Dollars in Cash.

They Admired Oregon.

They visited all over the State. They were Delighted with the Climate. They thought the Soil Superb. They Learned that Anything could be Grown. The Wheat Raise could be Bigger in Oregon, while Fruits Grew as if the Lord had Made Oregon Specially for Fruits. The Land seemed just Made for Vegetables.

They thought it Peculiar that People should Chortle with Glee, particularly the big Corporations.

Soon they Knew Why. It was because these farmers were to Pay All the Taxes.

Missourian is "Shown."

The Missourian found this out. He was Shown. In Oregon he learned the Single Taxers ruled. Men without Land made those who Owned Land pay All the Taxes. Taxes on Farm Lands were High, so High that it did not Matter that the Improvements Escaped. Taxes on City Lots were so Great that it did not seem as if the Lot Owner could hold Body and Soul together after Paying the Tax.

Once all Property Owners divided the Taxation. Now the Man with Land had to pay All.

"This is what will happen to us," said the Missouri Farmer in this Fable. "We shall Spend our Ten Thousand Dollars for Farms. Some Day our Crops May Fail. If we do not Pay our Taxes, as Some do not Pay their Taxes now, our Farms will be seized by the State. Thus every year more Farms will be seized by the State and the Taxes grow higher for the rest."

State Needs Money.

"For the State must have Money."

"In a Few Years we should all lose our Land. The State would be the great Land Owner. We should Pay Rent to the State. Then the land in Oregon would become Poor for a Tenant never cares what he does to the Owner's Property. We should just Get Enough to Eat after Paying the Rent. For me, I am Done. I shall go back to Missouri, even if I have to brave Storms and Floods."

Now Capital is Timid. Capital is Nervous. And those 100 Farmers were each Scared that the State of Oregon was after their Wads. So they Fleed.

And, Then They Fleed.

The New Yorker would rather Work on Poor Soil than not own his Farm and Pay Rent to the State. The Kansan thought Grasshoppers were not so Real a Woe as Single Tax. The Maine Farmer bought more Dynamite and said that Stones were Nothing if a Man could Own his Own Land. I can Improve My Farm, said the Man from Nebraska, but Then I shall Own it, even if I have an Occasional Sandstorm. Floods worried the Chap from Louisiana less than Taxes that would Eat up Everything the Honest Farmer would Raise. The Oklahoman said he intended to Live in a Land where the Man who owned Property of Any Sort Paid Just the Same as the Man who Owned Land. No Oregon for Me, was his view. I shall Keep my own Ten Thousand Dollars.

There is a Moral.

Maybe Single Tax would only do this in a Fable. But the Farmers would act the same if Single Tax were Real and not a Fable.

There is a Moral to this Fable and the Moral is:

It is Better to have Everything Taxed and Not Frighten the Farmer Away than to have Single Tax and Frighten Away Everyone Who Wants to Own Land for Himself.

There is another Moral, too: Thus would Oregon lose 100 honest farmers and \$1,000,000 in cold cash.

HOW TO KILL GOPHERS AND MOLES

Pest Expert Lovett, of O. A. C., Says Problem of Killing Off Rodents Not Simple.

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, ORE., Aug. 24.—That it is no simple task to get rid of gophers and moles and other rodents is the opinion of A. L. Lovett, pest expert at the Oregon Agricultural College. He believes it is necessary to use a combination of treatments rather than any one system.

"In most cases one will have very good success during the early part of the fight with the poisoned bait. Fumigation with carbon-si-sulfid gives very good success in newly formed burrows of the pocket gopher. This method is used extensively through the middle west on a commercial scale and over large fields. Where the application fails it is usually due to the very extended underground burrows which occur in fields long infested. The carbon-si-sulfid is used at the rate of three to six ounces to each pocket. Saturating dry horse manure and working this down into the burrow is a very good method of application. The material may be poured slowly into the hole direct. After treating the hole, cover it thoroughly to hold in the fumes. Always bear in mind that carbon-si-sulfid is as inflammable as gasoline. Do not open it near a hot stove, nor smoke while making the application."

"When the numbers of pests are considerable lessened they seem to become wary of such methods, and then possibly the trap will be about the one way that you can catch them. After the traps cease to be effective, a small boy with a rifle will usually keep them down pretty well. This pest usually appears above ground at certain hours of the day and can be shot very readily."

"There are two methods of preparing the poisoned bait. One consists of simply using pieces of carrot or potato or even raisins. Make an incision in each piece and slip in a crystal of strychnia sulphate. The burrow should not be left uncovered in the case of the pocket gopher; simply scrape away the surface soil to expose the tunnel; the bait may then be dropped into the hole and the soil replaced."

"In the case of moles, a sharp pointed stick may be pushed down into the uplifted earth around the tunnel and the bait dropped in. Then simply stamp on the burrow to cut out the light from below."

"The other method for preparing the bait with poison is as follows: Dissolve an ounce of strychnia sulphate in a pint of boiling water; add a pint of thick syrup and stir thoroughly. Scent this with a few drops of oil of anise. This mixture is sufficient to poison a half-bushel of wheat or corn. Simply pour it over the grain and stir vigorously. This grain, of course, should not be scattered in exposed places where birds and poultry would get at it."

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Flagg & Standifer have established three camps between Eugene and Monroe. One is located six miles out of Eugene this way. They will reach the city limits in a very short time, as the grading is easy and there are no large fills or deep cuts to make. Another camp is ten miles out and the third is 16 miles from here, or near Monroe.

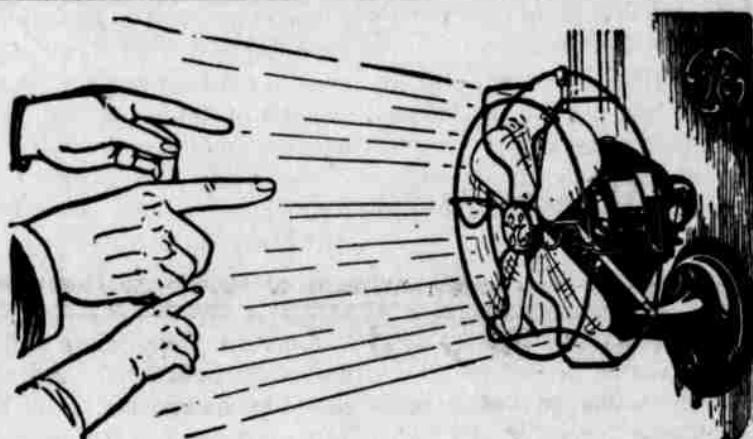
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