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IDIOTIC IN THE EXTREME.

Congress passes some funny laws, but that which comes nearest to being idiotic in the extreme is the new newspaper and periodical law, first returns of which must be made by October 1st.

The new law requires publishers to file in April and October 1st of each year with the postmaster general and with the local postmaster, under penalty of denial of use of mails, a sworn statement of the names and addresses of the owner, publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager of their newspapers and periodicals. Religious, fraternal, temperance and scientific publications are excepted.

For a corporation the names of the holders of more than one per cent of the stocks, bonds, or other securities must be given, and in case of daily newspapers, a statement of the average paid circulation for the preceding six months is required.

All editorial or other reading matter appearing in a newspaper or magazine for the publication of which pay is accepted or promised, must be labeled "advertised," under penalty of a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

The new law was not favored by the post office department and Postmaster General Hitchcock told congress so. In his opinion congress doubtless had in mind the daily newspapers, but it will effect nearly 18,000 weeklies and will be of a considerable burden to them. In the postmaster general's judgement the provision will be harmful as it will require the continuous use of much valuable space and will be resented as a censorship of the press.

The postmaster general is to be

commended for the attitude he took in the matter of such asinine legislation and it is to be regretted that he had to associate with the brazen-faced, patty-headed, peanut politicians who were instrumental in getting the act passed.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the promoters of this inquisitorial statute will never again see a seat in congress. The newspapers can if they will, keep them at home where they will serve their country better by fiddling on a stick of cordwood with an able bodied buck saw or cultivating the mild-eyed potato.

REAL PROGRESSIVENESS.

In an election that marked the tearing down of old barriers and rearing anew of an entirely new constitution, the grand old state of Ohio three weeks ago put through a program of legislation that has never been equalled in the world's history.

The initiative and referendum was but one of the many amendments to the constitution that the voters achieved by a two-thirds majority.

By that same majority the voters voted down the Single Tax, regarding it not only as dangerous to the working man, but to the farmer, the home owner and the lot owner. In fact, to everyone but the capitalist.

When the initiatory amendment was offered to the constitution there was fastened there a proviso that the initiative should never be used to foist Single Tax on the State of Ohio and by one stroke the voters nailed their standard aloft and hurled at Fels and his Single Tax war-chest a deft that went rattling through the country.

Here is the victorious Ohio amendment, which effectually bars Single Tax and the confiscation of land by the state:

Sec. 1. The powers defined herein as the "initiative" and "referendum" shall not be used to pass a law authorizing any classification of property for the purpose of levying different rates of taxation thereon or authorizing the levy of any single tax on land or land values or land sites at a higher rate or by a different rule than is or may be applied to improvements thereon or to personal property.

With Ohio to lead the way, Oregon now has power, by voting 365 NO, 308 YES, to give U'ran, Cridge, Eggleston and the hosts of others who have been fattening on the Fels' Single Tax war-chest, a rebuke that

is only too well merited.

Tricks and schemes do not find favor in Oregon. Nor do the gentlemen named with their Graduated Tax measure, their Single Tax measure, their evasions, their trickery.

"TEDDY" AND THE "TRUSTS."

Theodore Roosevelt is said to have stated when President, that there were two kinds of trusts, "good trusts" and "bad trusts," but he did not define in words what the difference was between these two sets of law breakers. His actions, however, while President and since, have shown that he classifies the trusts on the following basis: "Naughty trusts;" these include trusts which do not contribute to the campaign fund of a national ticket headed by Theodore Roosevelt and which have no close friends of Theodore Roosevelt, who are officers in such trusts. "Nice trusts." These include, first, those violators of the United States laws, which, like the steel corporation, the harvester trust, and (in times gone by) the standard Oil company, have dropped their mite (?) into a fund to further the political ambitions of Theodore Roosevelt; or second, trusts which have on their board of directors some close personal friend of Roosevelt, like Paul Morton, the railroad robber, or Medill McCormick, the harvester trust manager.

Thus Theodore Roosevelt, as President, allowed personal friendship, or campaign contributions given with a secret understanding to blind his eyes to violations of the anti-trust law by great corporations.

President Taft, on the other hand, has fearlessly prosecuted all trusts against which he could get evidence, whether they were political friends or political foes.

During the administrations since the Sherman anti-trust law was passed, viz: those of Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt, there were sixty-two civil and criminal prosecutions of the trusts under this law. That number was equalled by Taft in two years and ten months, and to date, his administration has handled eighty-three cases under this law, or twenty-one more than were handled during all the time previous. Time considered, the suits brought by Taft against violators of the Sherman anti-trust law, as against those brought by Roosevelt, have been in the ratio of more than four to one. Do we need to inquire any further why Messrs. Perkins, Gary and Munsey, all stockholders in the steel trust, and McCormick of the harvester trust, and magnates of the other great trusts, are pouring out their money in great sums to elect Roosevelt, with whom they seem to have a mysterious secret understanding, and prevent the reelection of President Taft, who has prosecuted all trusts without fear or favor?

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