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OREGON WEATHER

Rain, moderate southerly zephyrs.

MEASURE FULL OF JOKERS

A few years ago the people of the state of Oregon, in a spirit of gentle and amused tolerance listened to the Portland Journal's campaign for single tax. It was Mr. Jackson's pet hobby, and his official mouthpiece shouted long and loudly. When the votes were counted, however, the people breathed a sigh of relief, for single tax and Oregon citizenship were found to have nothing in common.

For a time Editor Jackson subsided. Unable to dictate the editorial policies of the newspapers of the state and stung to the quick at the decisive defeat of his pet scheme, he maintained an attitude of calm demeanor.

Now Mr. Jackson steps up to bat again, fostering and fathering a new plan of unfashionable and inexplicable legislation. In on the scheme with Jackson is a Portland attorney, and the two have devised a plan that is unique to say the least. Just the interest of the lawyer has not been divulged. The proposed law bears the Jackson trademark, and those who have familiarized themselves with the measure, state it is as full of "jokers" as some of Mr. Jackson's single tax measures in the days of old.

Jackson's scheme is to abolish the delinquent tax law as it now stands and substitute in its place an impractical, ethereal scheme, cleverly framed to lure the voters, but intended as a piece of radical and vicious legislation that will benefit the title grabbers, and others of their ilk,—at the expense of the struggling home and land owner. Such is the Jackson delinquent tax bill. There are those who intimate that Jackson's energy in working for the bill is due to the fact that his Portland Journal has been overlooked in the publication of Multnomah lists in days gone by, and that his spleen against the present statute is inspired through petty jealousy in the Portland newspaper field. This may or may not be the case.

The present tax publication law for Oregon is the ideal measure if public service may be considered the criterion. It is simple, practical, and devised to protect the taxpayer from the title grabbers and other vultures. Briefly it provides that notice be sent by the tax collector, THROUGH THE MAIL to every delinquent taxpayer within 90 days from the date of delinquency. Then, and only then, to reach those whom the mails have failed to reach, the law provides that publication should be made in the newspapers.

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Could any plan be fairer? Could there be any better scheme to protect the unfortunate delinquent from the malicious cunning of the tax title grabbers—who loves to work in the dark?

Now comes Mr. Jackson and the Portland attorney and initiate a bill to abolish the publication. It requires no particular mental acumen to see the result, to note the splendid opportunity for the title grabbers and their legal friends to quietly "clean up" on those who have failed to receive notice. Theoretically the scheme looks fine on paper. So did single tax. So did other bits of freak legislation that have been turned down cold by thinking voters.

Jackson would have the tax collector send the notice through the mail—AS HE NOW DOES UNDER THE PRESENT LAW. The law makes the burden obligatory on your part to keep him notified of any and all changes in your address; otherwise you lose your defense in case of foreclosure, and can not plead lack of notice. In other words you are left holding the sack. To add insult to injury Jackson would make the tax collector personally liable to keep properly posted on your address. Briefly stated, you MUST keep the tax collector posted at all times, or lose; if Uncle Sam fails to deliver the notice as often happens, well, you lose again; if the tax collector fails to do his part, you lose a third time—and the poor collector loses, also. Can you beat it?

Jackson's scheme would end with the sending of notice by the collector. The present law provides for exactly the same scheme as that of Jackson, but goes a step further in the direction of common sense, and requires the tax collector to publish the list which is still delinquent after Jackson's method has been tried out, thus giving the essential publicity to protect the delinquent from the wiles of the tax title grabber and the tax lawyer. Of course these latter gentlemen are working tooth and toe nail for the law and believe they can put it over this fall, under the much abused banner of "economy" so-called.

Certainly there could be no fairer,

more equitable scheme than the present law. Let well enough alone and help the state of Oregon protect the holdings of its people from the tax vultures. Watch for the "Jackson" label at the coming election and await the measures hard.

FRENCH AMERICAN OFFENSIVE

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forward many miles with its initial thrust. Moreover, the indicated German withdrawal is added proof of the enemy's waning manpower. There is now no doubt that he will not be allowed to rest a moment and that the fighting will be carried into the winter on a scale never before possible.

Of direct national interest here is the evident fact that clearing up of the St. Mihiel salient by General Pershing's first army in its first independent venture was the necessary forerunner of this new blow. Not only did that swift victory free the French armies around Verdun from the menace of the salient in their rear, but it liberated rail lines to supply the new battle front and set free thousands of soldiers of both armies for attack purposes by shortening the lines.

Again, it is American aid that makes possible the new attack. The announcement of this drive is the first indication that American troops were on the front immediately west of the Meuse with the possible exception of a unit of negro troops known to have been recently somewhere in the center of the front between Rheims and Verdun. Whether that unit is engaged in the present fighting is not known, but it is evident that a very large force of Americans has been shifted westward along the line to take part in the present blow. Apparently they hold more than one-half of the advancing line.

The extreme left of the American force forming the western jaw of Pershing's nut-cracker which reduced the St. Mihiel salient rested on the hills east of the Meuse. It is indicated now that the whole line from the Moselle, where they stand before the outer defenses of Metz, to a point well to the west of Verdun may be held by Americans, in which case the French have paid Pershing's men the high compliment of entrusting to them completely the defense of that vital fortress.

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