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SUPPRESS PUBLICITY.

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The essence of C. S. Jackson's tax publication bill is that it does away with notice to the public of the names of property owners whose taxes are long past due. The property owner may postpone tax payment indefinitely so far as any fear of publicity is concerned. Mr. Jackson's measure puts an end to printing the delinquent tax list.

In one important way the measure is deceptive. It sails under the camouflage of substituting a mailed notice for the published notice. In effect, the bill proposes no such substitution, for already each property owner whose postoffice address is on file with the tax collector is notified when his taxes are due. The only substitution there will be in effect under the Jackson bill will be to send another notice by mail to follow the ineffective first notice, instead of publishing the list in the county paper where the public may read it and ascertain who the delinquents are. The Jackson bill in effect substitutes suppression for publicity.

It is notorious that the bill originates in Mr. Jackson's desire to punish the county press of the state by depriving it of the little revenue that has come to it by annual publication of the delinquent tax list. If the measure is understood by the taxpayers and the public, it will be defeated on its merits. Were the motive behind it generally understood, it would be buried by an overwhelming negative majority as a rebuke to the bullying tactics employed by a wealthy newspaper publisher to bend the small country papers to his will or break them as punishment for their independence of his dictation.

SURRENDER?

The people of the country want nothing in the shape of peace terms but unconditional surrender. Can the present German offers be construed as such? That is the question to be answered by President Wilson in deciding on his reply to the latest German note. To a man on the street the German request to name a commission to make the necessary arrangement concerning the evacuation sounds like a stall. It took no commission to make arrangements for the occupation of the invaded territory. Germany walked in without so much as knocking. In our opinion she can walk out the same way. There's a mixed commission of Belgians, British, French, Italians and Yankees now on the ground and making arrangements that seem to be pretty complete. Unconditional surrender means unconditional surrender and nothing less. If Wilson can jockey the German chancellor into that, all well and good; if not, he'd better use his notes as wadding for shell.

GIVE TAXPAYERS A SQUARE DEAL.

There is a scheme on foot to wipe out the present delinquent tax law now in effect in the state of Oregon. Those behind the plan would substitute in its place a piece of pernicious legislation, cleverly devised by the Portland Journal and a certain clique of politicians.

The scheme is a clever one at first observation and by reason of the fact that one of the backers of the proposed change is a man of independent wealth at the head of a Portland paper, the columns of that paper—the Portland Journal—have been thrown open to further the measure and befuddle the voters' minds at the coming election. By smooth camouflaging of the facts, and sometimes by direct misrepresentation, the voters are led to believe that the proposed measure is one originated and to be passed entirely in their own interest.

This is the influence that comes from reading the Portland Journal's propaganda for the abolishment of the present delinquent tax bill now in force in the state of Oregon.

The editor of this paper is not in the habit of instructing his readers how to vote in various elections. As a rule we consider the voter will support the measures which he believes to be of worth, and register his protest with a vigorous "NO" on useless or pernicious legislation. This is the rule usually followed by the country newspaper man, but when direct misrepresentation of

fact is resorted to in an effort to lure the favor of the voting public, it is high time that the voters are advised of true conditions. Therefore the editor of this paper has the following statement to make to the readers of this paper:

The present delinquent tax law was passed by the state legislature of Oregon, the men you and I sent to Salem to represent us in affairs of state.

It is a fair law, devised in the interest of the taxpayer, to give him a square deal in the hour of emergency and to protect him in that hour from the tax title vulture and the scheming land attorney. It provides for the publication of the delinquent tax list, it is true, but it also provides—and this is the part of the law the Portland Journal would have you overlook—that publication of the delinquents shall only be made after a mailed notice has been sent out, regularly advising the delinquent that his taxes have not been paid. The publication, therefore is but an emergency measure, to be resorted to only when personal notice has failed to notify.

The taxpayer should quickly realize the practical value of such a law. Suppose you are away for the time being. Or let us assume you have changed your address. In either case a mailed statement would in all probability fail to reach you. Some time later, the delinquent list is published in the home paper, and your friends, relatives or neighbors notice immediately that you have overlooked your taxes, and hasten to drop you a line. They know where you are—the tax collector doesn't bother about you unless you notify him of the change.

The result? The title grabber, that peculiar pest who is always loitering about the books in the tax office, loses a chance to buy in your place for a song, and you are saved the embarrassment and work of redeeming your place. This is the present law, and this is exactly the way it works out.

Jackson, working with a certain Portland attorney, would cut out the publication requirement of the present law. He would end the matter once and for all with the sending of notice through the mail. If you fail to get it, under his scheme, you are the loser, and the tax title vulture will then pick up some easy money and you will foot the bill. Such is the bill proposed by Jackson and Haggood. Kill it if you would confer a favor on the taxpayers of Oregon. Vote "NO" on the Jackson delinquent bill.

NO CHANGE IN WILSON.

While we were waiting yesterday to know what President Wilson would reply to the latest German peace note, there were many who asserted that he could do nothing but accept since the Germans, they said, had definitely accepted his 14 peace terms. And today, when we know that he will not make peace with the kaiser, some are saying that he has gone back on his word, asserting that he himself offered peace if the 14 terms were accepted.

It seems worth while to point out that those who have this feeling are not following the course of events and have not put themselves in full touch with the facts.

Mr. Wilson has never offered peace on any terms. From time to time he has stated the war aims of the allies and on various occasions he has set forth conditions which should be met in the peace settlement. The 14 terms are in this class and there are other conditions which he has announced—notably, that peace cannot be made with the present ruling power in Germany. In short, he has never said that peace could be had on any particular set of terms, but that when we came to make peace these various terms should be included in the settlement.

Remembering this fact, the recent set of notes shows that Mr. Wilson has not gone back on his word, but is holding strictly to it. Prince Max asked for peace, saying that he accepted the 14 and other terms. Mr. Wilson made his reply a set of questions, giving no assurance of peace whatever. The questions were answered and now he replies that to get peace Germany must change rulers.

President Wilson has not changed. He has simply made a little more definite some of the terms on which peace may be had.

SEND IN THE NAMES.

The Bulletin wants the names of all the Deschutes county boys in the army and navy of the United States. Every relative and every friend of a man in the service is asked to send his name to The Bulletin. If he is in France or Siberia, or anywhere out of the United States, we want his address—that is, the name of the regiment and company to which he is attached.

We want this information for two reasons.

In the first place, we think it time

that a roster be made up of the Deschutes county boys in service. We want to know how many stars there would be in the Deschutes county service flag. Some day a memorial will be planned for those who do not return and for those who offered themselves. We should have a list of them all.

Secondly, The Bulletin has joined in the "Home Paper" Service of America campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to send the home paper to the soldier boys abroad. We will receive subscriptions in any amount and for the money so received will send the paper either to designated names or to names as they appear on our list. For this reason we want a list of all the Deschutes county boys in service.

The influenza scare has saved the Bend sunshine from a lot of knocking. It was on the plea that there would be plenty of sunshine here that the Federation of Labor voted to come to Bend this week. And we have had more rain than sun so far.

The sheriff makes another haul of booze. Soon an addition will be needed on the jail to hold the bootleggers and their booty.

If it is true that Prince Max has resigned, the fact gives us a view into the real political situation in Germany.

Woodrow Wilson, to Kaiser Wilhelm: "This way out. Step lively."

The Island of St. Helena is understood to be still without a tenant.

HALF MILLION WILL BE NEEDED

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and, as Shakespeare said, that is no josh.

Many After Job.

Conrad Patrick Olson, who was elevated to the supreme bench from the state senate and a Portland law shop, may have so many contenders against him that he is liable to be re-elected, whether he wishes to or not. John S. Coke of Coos county, Judge Jim Campbell of Clackamas county and Judge Percy R. Kelly of Linn county are all talked of as probable candidates, while there probably will be some more before the game is over. They can come in up to the last minute now, as no one's name will be on the ballot and the field is open without fear or favor.

Rumor hath it that the members of the bar association are whetting their knives to get Conrad's scalp. The appointment didn't set well with a large number of lawyers, including many in Portland. It is more than likely that many of the aforesaid lawyers have felt that they would have graced the bench with much more eclat than Conrad and have looked at the appointment with a little green in their eyes. Be that as it may, some of the boys will go gunning for Conrad, but the big field seems to all in favor of the man who has landed and has the prestige of the appointment. Nevertheless, Judges Coke, Kelly, Campbell, et al., are all big men and anyone of them would not doubt trot Conrad a winning heat.

Probe Is Thorough.

As expected, the probe at the state penitentiary is taking on the complexion of being a very thorough going affair. Attorney General Brown is not only going into the problem himself, but he has enlisted the services of a large number of the best known district attorneys in the state to assist him. That is a way the attorney general has with him and there isn't much question in the minds of those who know George M. Brown and his ways that if there has been anything going on wrong at the prison it will very nearly be located before he gets through with it. And it is evident he is taking no chances by enlisting the services of some regular prosecutors.

So far the line of probe that he will carry on is more or less indefinite as he is not very responsive to questions as to how he is going at the investigation. However, it is probable that the district attorneys will be instructed to ascertain all the information available from paroled men in their respective counties and it is more than likely that the 200 or more paroled men scattered over the state will all have a chance to tell what they know—if they know anything.

With a peculiar persistence that seems to be one of the pet hobbies of that paper when it is politically sore at any individual or office holder, the Portland Journal is endeavoring to make the prison probe the basis for political capital against Governor Withycombe.

It is well known that the Journal

has Non-Partisan league leanings and always has had, ever since that league stuck its hydra head into the state. Consequently it is more than inclined to boost the game of Walter Pierce, who always has been favorable to the Non-Partisan league, despite his frantic denial at Scio a few days since.

Disliking the governor and loving Walter Pierce, the Journal now asserts that the governor is waiting until after the election before he fires Warden Murphy and puts Joe Keller into his place, or at least the paper intimates as much. The fact of the matter is that the governor will fire Murphy when he gets ready and put whoever he pleases in Murphy's place when he feels like it, and also if Murphy makes good at the prison he will stay on the job. The question of the election doesn't enter into this matter at all, and the writer happens to know whereof he speaks.

It is amusing to hear the governor accused of playing politics at every turn in the road, when as a matter of fact anyone who knows the governor at all knows he is the most impolitic gentleman who ever sat in the executive chair. He causes some of his henchmen to fairly write on occasions by blurring out just what he thinks and just what he feels at whatever place or time it happens to come out.

The governor has a peculiar way of telling unpleasant truths very frequently that hurts and he hews to the line, letting the chips fall where they may, a darn site more than the Portland Journal. As far as politics is concerned, that is probably the best kind of politics to play in a state like Oregon, but it is not what is generally known as playing politics. The governor has hurled some harsh remarks at various organizations and people at divers and sundry times in a manner which has made his advisers wince, and no doubt he has antagonized a number of people by so doing. But he has swatted the nail on the head quite often in doing so and a large number of the people have applauded him for it.

But the very fact that he ploughs right ahead and tells these wholesome truths indicates that he doesn't particularly "play politics" as that phrase is generally understood in its most frequently accepted usage.

For instance, he hasn't been playing the kind of politics which has caused Walt Pierce to plaster on street car signs the alleged fact that he got his last kernel of grain in for the benefit of the soldiers before he started his campaign.

Pierce Out Early.

Anyone who has been watching Pierce maneuvers knows that such an assertion is pure camouflage, because he has been campaigning to beat the band ever since the bee first buzzed in his noggin that he wished to be governor.

Also he doesn't play the kind of politics that Walt Pierce played when he repudiated the Non-Partisan league at Scio. When Walt thought the Non-Partisan league was going to cut the same kind of a swath in Oregon that it cut in the Dakotas he was for it stronger than the kaiser is for hell. But when he found out that the Non-Partisan league leaders were being arrested on charges of violating the espionage act and a few other unpatriotic stunts he thought better of it and

repudiated it in his Scio speech. The Non-Partisan league was not quite so popular as Walt thought it was going to be and he cut it cold.

Perhaps those stunts are not playing politics, but to a man up a tree they seem to carry that sort of a brand.

And Walt is going to play the game strong. He is going to talk war and patriotism until his red face turns blue and he is going to hit the ball at every chance he gets.

In the meantime the wily Democrats who are seconding his motions will talk soft and low to their neighbors that the governor is playing politics and the only way to have the state capital pure and unadulterated will be by putting the redoubtable Walt in the big cushioned chair in the executive offices.

The Republicans mustn't forget that they have a fight on their hands at the coming election, because the Democrats and a lot of disgruntled Republicans are going to do all they can to put it over.

To be honest and candid about it, there is no question but what the governor has made some mistakes on the job. There also is no question but what Walt Pierce would make mistakes, and from watching his career in the senate and the general tenor of his political affiliations there seems to be every reason to believe that Walt would make one long continued series of them from the time he was inaugurated up to the time of his recall.

But the people know this: that despite a few mistakes of the head, rather than of the heart, the present governor was on the job when congress declared that the United States of America was at war against the German imperial government; that he was on the job when Oregon was called upon to do her duty in that war against the German imperial government, and that there has been no stage of the game since that time when he hasn't shown 100 per cent. patriotism and loyalty to his government, to his state and to the 25,000 odd true-blooded American Oregonians who are participating in the great conflict of decency against unrighteousness. The people of Oregon are familiar with all of these facts and Walt Pierce will have nothing but a campaign of promises to wage against a campaign of accomplishments.

That is where Walt is going to fall down and unquestionably he is going to fall down so hard it will hurt.

The governor has a 1000 per cent. batting average as a whole-hearted American citizen at a time when American citizenship means much in the high places of the land, and it is a goodly heritage which he is passing on to his children, and by virtue of his office is passing it on to the people of the state over which he sits as chief executive.

The Portland Journal may accuse him of playing politics; Walt Pierce may pussyfoot from the sagebrush of Eastern Oregon to the shores of the Pacific, and a few disgruntled birds may about their denunciations from the housetops, but the great rank and file of the voters of the state have reached the conclusion that Governor Withycombe is squarely on the job as an 18-carat patriot.

Apparently it will be a campaign of poison against patriotism—and on all fronts so far patriotism is winning.

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