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ANOTHER JACKSON SCHEME.

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 unfathomable 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 interests 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 measure in the days of old.

Jack's scheme is to abolish the delinquent tax law as it now stands and substitute in its place an impractical, etherial scheme, cleverly framed to lure the voters, but intended as a piece of radical and vicious legislation that will benefit the lawyers, the title grabbers, and others of their ilk, at the expense of the struggling home and land owners. 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 taxpayers 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 date of delinquency. Then, and only then, to reach those whom the mails have failed to reach, the law provides that publication shall be made in the newspapers.

Could any plan be fairer? Could there be any better scheme to protect the unfortunate delinquent from the malicious cunning of the tax title grabber—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.

Jack's scheme 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 change in your address; otherwise you lose your defense in case of foreclosure, and cannot 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?

Jack's scheme would end with the sending of notices by the collector. The present law provides for exactly the same scheme as Jackson's 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's" label at the coming election and swat the measure hard.

RAISE MORE WOOL.

Do you as an Oregonian know that a great industry is being virtually thrust upon you as a war measure? Do you know that as a war measure warehousing and distribution of wool has been largely centralized in Portland for this Northwest territory, and as a result, 2500 customers who probably never knew Portland was on the map, have been brought there to sell their wool?

Do you know that the 1917 clip handled through this district amounted to about 20,000,000 pounds, worth in round numbers some \$10,000,000?

Do you know that by manufacturing this wool in Oregon for army purposes that the government is saving thousands of cars that would otherwise be required to carry the wool east and the finished goods west?

Do you know that Oregon has more woolen mills than any other western state and that then we haven't enough to put in your eye when it comes to handling the wool which could be produced here?

Chew these ideas over a little and let it soak into your head that Oregon is naturally adapted to wool growing and manufacture.

Here we have a chance to enlarge an industry that has world wide possibilities. The opportunity has been thrust at us, will we be smart enough to grasp it?

MINES MUST HAVE MORE MEN

No government ever had more knotty or bigger economic problems to solve than those now confronting this country.

Men holding high executive positions under the government are clothed with powers and burdened with responsibilities that make their offices no sinecure.

These civilian officers need and are receiving the aid of all lines of industry.

Right now, government aid in mining is needed as never before. To fix high prices for the metals is one form of help that has been resorted to at different times, but this is not sufficient. The most serious problem confronting the mines is a shortage of labor, which, as a large number of men enter the army, will grow more acute, and importantly retard production.

How this situation is to be met is one of the problems of the government to solve, and it is no easy one, unless foreign labor can be temporarily imported. It would seem that this latter is about the only way to relieve the labor shortage, and it might well be done as an emergency measure, regardless of the opposition of selfish interests that would prevent such a move. Anything that will help win the war is to be commended, and the continued large operation of the mines certainly is a war necessity.

Mining men have been speeding operations at the mines as best they could under the adverse conditions, and merit praise for what they have accomplished. But they must have more miners to extract the ore if the good work is to go on.—Mining and Financial Record.

BOND CONVERSION

The Treasury Department again reminds holders of four per cent Liberty Loan Bonds that these securities are convertible in 4-1-4 per cent bonds of the Third Liberty Loan, and extends a warning that this privilege lapses November 9 and cannot be renewed.

A statement issued over the signature of Secretary McAdoo says:

"Holders of these 4 per cent bonds lose nothing by exercising the privilege of conversion and gain 1-4 per cent interest per annum. Holders of 4 per cent bonds should not wait until the last moment to exercise the privilege of conversion but proceed to do so promptly. Delay will result in overburdening the banking institutions of the country and the Treasury Department by making it necessary to handle all conversions at the last moment, and may result in the loss of the privilege of conversion altogether.

"Holders of coupon bonds are strongly advised to request issue of registered bonds in order to protect

themselves against the risk of loss, theft and destruction of their bonds. Official Department circular No. 114, with forms of application, has been distributed to Federal Reserve Banks and banks and trust companies throughout the United States. These institutions are asked as a matter of patriotic service, to assist bond holders in exchanging 4 per cent bonds for 4-1-4 per cent bonds and in registering their bonds."

EXTENSION OF SABOTAGE.

Having an eight-hour day at wages practically fixed by themselves, the boiler-makers at Portland, Oregon, started a new strike for a 44 hour week, with half holiday Saturday.

On the stickers employed by the I. W. W. under convicted Haywood was the word "SABOTAGE" in large type. Is not the above a form of sabotage? The Haywood stickers bore the legend: "Slow Down! The hours are long. The pay is small. So take your time and buck the all." Are not the boiler-makers "bucking" production?

Contrast this with the hours of the farmer or average business man who is patriotic and devoted to the welfare of the nation and winning the war.

The call for a 44-hour working week is the call to slow down and increase double-pay—it is the extension of organized sabotage in the shipyards.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

HOW MAY I SERVE?

If readers are curious to ascertain their standing in a calling a note or visit to the nearest military bureau will supply the information. At the University of California bureau fourteen committees are in action. J. a. o. sortadohjedvidrRg dwact posed of volunteer workers including professors and men of established reputation in the professions and trades most useful in war. Their reports regarding application for work in the fighting forces often cover twenty pages of typewriting. The result may be gratifying or disappointing surprise to the subject. Some highly elated and some deeply humiliated persons have emerged from the now celebrated glass door in the long white building on the Berkeley campus where the sifting of humanity goes on. But it is enlightening to know that all those who have passed through the ordeal at this Far Western headquarters have eventually buckled to with a will, whether they were selected for an important position where highly specialized knowledge and great ability was required or for labor involving merely powerful muscles and stamina.

Work Must Be Respected.

Any painter will tell you that the sketch he begins carelessly, with a slovenly scamping of paints, ends by disgusting him and is frequently left unfinished. Any embroiderer will admit the same experience. Work to be a pleasure must be respected. It must be approached as a dignified and an honorable affair.

MICKIE SAYS

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