

PROPOSED TAX LAW

Oregon Tax Reform Association Has Filed Its Proposed Amendment to Be Voted On.

The proposed new tax law, the amendment for which is to be voted on by process of the initiative and referendum at the June election is causing discussion throughout the state. Friends of the proposed measure are contending for its merits as follows:

"This amendment is not based on new or untried theories, but its principles are demonstrated to have truth and right in them. New Zealand, Manitoba, and other British colonies, have for a number of years exempted improvements and personal property, and it has invariably worked in the interests of the producing classes in city or country.

"Many of the greatest Americans have endorsed the principle which this amendment approaches. Among them Senator La Follette, Gov. Folk, Tom Johnson, Henry George and William Lloyd Garrison. They believe in the principle of raising the needed revenues for carrying on our government, and at the same time discourage land monopoly by taxing land values and franchises more and exempting improvements and personal property—in short what is commonly known as the single tax.

"One hundred feet square sold in Portland on January 22, for \$800,000 or at the rate of more than \$2,000,000 for 640 acres. The latter amount is about ten times the assessed value of the farms of Oregon. Such city values, as well as the value of railroad rights of way, is made by tribute paid by the producers of the state. This measure will shift the taxes mainly to site values, such as the above, not to acres.

"But where a railroad holds millions on millions of acres, this measure will hit them so hard that it will be interesting to see the fight they will put up against it. The farmers of this county will certainly see to it under this law that every acre of land grants is assessed at least as high as that of the improved farms which makes the adjoining unimproved land valuable without the owners' efforts. This law goes on the principle that if you want to discourage the holding of a lot of worthless dogs, or a bunch of vacant city lots or vacant sections of land, put the taxes upon them. To encourage production and home building it takes the taxes off from (in the words of the amendment) 'all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such, all fruit trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms, all livestock, household furniture in use, and all workmen's tools.'

"Supporters of this amendment say that every locality has 'undesirable citizens' who oppose every improvement of roads; good schools and teachers, bridges and other public necessities, because of the fact that the less taxes they pay the more land they can hold out of use, awaiting the industry of the entire community to make them wealthy. Non-resident land owners are more obstructive to local improvements, yet contributing nothing to the business interests of the community. 'If the large tracts of this county paid the same taxes as improved farms, they would be divided up and rapidly improved, increasing our population and wealth.'

"Our merchants, blacksmiths, barbers, carpenters, and all other business men, would feel the effects of the new blood, capital and energy, and under such a system of taxation our community would move forward as never before."

Back from Alaska.

Ben Burroughs, the well known pioneer printer and ex-county clerk, returned to Pendleton from Alaska, Monday, in a bad physical condition. In November, Mr. Burroughs fell on the ice at Katalla, Alaska, and sustained a fracture and dislocation of his hip. The injury has never properly healed and he is now in a serious condition.

Will Be Tried Again.

The jury in the Haaga case in Pendleton, was out 39 hours and could not agree upon a verdict. Two jurymen voting for conviction was successful in hauling up the jury, the other two held out for acquittal. District Attorney Phelps announces that the case will be tried again at the April term of court.

Even from the Mountains

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pain. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter, for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best Liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by Palace Drug company.

Tramp Buncoes Milton.

Steve Le Berge, a tramp who has been working around Milton for some time, bought a \$105 wagon from a firm in Milton the other day, giving his note in payment for a short time. Later he mortgaged the wagon to Bradley Mitchell and Hadley company for about \$33 worth of clothing.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Corrupt Practices Act May Be Constitutional—Forbids the "Glad Hand."

That the corrupt practices bill, to be submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative and referendum, is in direct conflict with that section of the constitution which guarantees freedom of speech is believed by many who have read the measure. The bill makes it a crime for any person to ask, solicit or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter on election day to vote for or against any candidate or measure. This would bar the use of any kind of argument on election day and there is doubt whether it would be constitutional.

Under this section of the law it is probable that newspapers published on the morning of election day would be prohibited from printing anything calculated to influence voters in determining how to mark their ballots.

The words "in any manner try to induce or persuade" would cover a multitude of acts. Candidates who went to the polls and extended the glad hand to voters would unquestionably come within the terms of the act, for it is common knowledge that a warm handshake is one of the most potent means of getting votes.

One of the penalties for violation of the corrupt practices act is that the offending candidate may be ousted from office. A candidate who should talk to the voters on election day, publicly or privately, or in any other manner try to induce or persuade them to vote for him, even if the persuasion were in an honorable manner, would be in danger of forfeiting his election if a friend of an opposing candidate should see fit to call him to account before a court having jurisdiction of election contests.

This bill has the effect of closing the lid tight on all campaigns at 12 o'clock midnight preceding the day of election. The measure of course prohibits all forms of treating for the purpose of influencing votes, whether the treat be to drinks or any other tempting luxury. It also prohibits the corrupt or excessive or improper use of money, and in many other ways prevents undue influence, deception and fraud. Most of the provisions are considered salutary in their effect, but section 34, which prohibits the use of legitimate argument on election day, is believed by many to be unconstitutional. The section reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person at any place on the day of any election to ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade any voter on such election day to vote for or refrain from voting for any candidate, or the candidates or ticket of any political party or organization, or any measure submitted to the people, and upon conviction thereof he shall be punished by fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and for the second and each subsequent offense occurring on the same or different election days, he shall be punished by fine as aforesaid, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five nor more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Fancy Skating.

The management of the Athena skating rink announces that it has employed a man to conduct the rink, who will instruct skaters in fancy skating.

An old Pennsylvania Dutch, Dunkard recommends "Hickory Bark Cough Remedy." Guaranteed to cure your cough, and guaranteed to be pure. Made from the bark of the shell bark or white hickory tree. For sale by Palace Drug Store and all dealers everywhere.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble. Take something once in a while; especially after meals; something like Kodol For Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by Palace Drug company.

It will be unnecessary to go through a painful, expensive operation for Piles if you use ManZan. Put up in a collapsible tube with nozzle, ready to apply. For any form of Piles, price 50c. Sold by Pioneer Drug Store.

The old remedies are the best. Hickory Bark Cough Remedy has been in use for over one hundred years by the old Dutch Dunkards of Pennsylvania, and is still in use by all the old families of Western Pennsylvania. Is absolutely pure; made from the bark of the white or shell bark hickory tree. The bark is shipped from the east, and manufactured in Walla Walla, Wash. For sale by Palace Drug Store.

Pinesalve Carbolyzed acts like a poultice, draws out inflammation and poison. Antiseptic healing. For chapped hands, lips, cuts, burns. Sold by Pioneer Drug Store.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Palace Drug company.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 27th day of Feb. 1908, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on the west one-half of lot No. 8, in block 5, of said city. Bert Cartano, Applicant Dated Jan. 23, 1908.

GASOLINE FOR PLOW

Engines for Lessening Expense of Plowing and Threshing to Inland Empire Farmer.

The experiment of plowing with power furnished by gasoline engines is to be tried in the Walla Walla wheat fields in a few days. Three large gasoline traction engines have arrived from Chicago and will be used by large farmers instead of horses to do the heavy work on the farms.

Last fall two or three gasoline engines were used in the wheat fields instead of steam engines, and the success was so marked that the new power will now be tried in other work. The threshing engines had no traction, but the new pattern just received have equipment for pulling a load and for hill climbing as well. There is every indication of success in the new venture.

For several years the price of horses has been climbing skyward, and feed has also increased in cost about one-half. This has forced farmers to do something to relieve the situation. In some cases mules have been introduced with good effect, but still the effort to reduce the number of livestock needed and save feed has been earnestly followed up. Steam engines have been used, but in some localities water is scarce and trouble ensues in their use. The idea of using gasoline was urged a few years ago, but no equipment could be secured from the east until last year, when the threshing engine was first used.

The engines now proposed to be used are of light pattern, with patent cooling device, large and wide driving wheels for soft ground, and full traction power. Each is equipped with pulley for power purposes. One man handles the machine except when on the road on hills. A powerful brake is provided, so that the machine can be stopped any place, even on the steepest hillsides.

The test of the new machines will be watched with keen interest by every large landholder in the northwest.

Bees Laxative Cough Syrup for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough grows in favor daily. Mothers should keep it on hand for children. It is prompt relief to croup. It is gently laxative, driving the poison and phlegm from the system. It gives immediate relief. Guaranteed. Sold by Pioneer Drug Store.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. L. A. Shellenberger, Plaintiff vs. James C. Dingman, Defendant. Publication. To James C. Dingman, The Above Named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required and commanded to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause and court on or before Friday the 21st day of February, A. D. 1908, which said date is the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of summons herein.

And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded therein; viz. for judgment against you in the sum of \$228.50 balance due as principal and interest upon the promissory note sued on, and for a decree foreclosing that certain mortgage executed by you to one John L. Bartley to secure payment of said note and thereafter transferred, assigned and endorsed together with said note to plaintiff herein and which said mortgage is duly recorded in volume number 33 at page 372 of the record of mortgages for Umatilla county, Oregon, and for a foreclosure sale of the real property therein described as Lot numbered 5, and the South half of lot 4 in block 8, and lot 5 and the south half of lot 4 in block 10, all in McArthur's Addition to the City of Weston, Umatilla County, Oregon, to satisfy said judgment and mortgage lien, and for fifty dollars attorney fees, for costs and disbursements, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. H. J. Bean, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1908, and will appear once a week for six successive weeks, the first publication being made on Friday the 10th day of January, 1908 and the last one on Friday the 21st day of February, 1908.

Peterson, Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of John H. James, deceased.

All persons whom it may concern are hereby notified that Lydia James was appointed administratrix of the estate of John H. James, deceased, by the above court on the 7th day of February, 1908, and that she has duly qualified as such.

All persons having any claims against the said estate are notified and required to present them, with proper vouchers as by law required, to the said administratrix at the office of her attorney, Will M. Peterson, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, on this 14th day of February, A. D. 1908.

Lydia James, Administratrix, Will M. Peterson, Attorney.

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12:25 p. m.	Walla Walla - Pendleton Mixed	12:25 p. m.
8:45 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points.	8:45 p. m.
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