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We publish in the Observer this week a summary of the assessment for Sherman county, as prepared by Assessor Otto Peetz for the year 1914. It should be a matter of pride to every Sherman county resident that in ten years no one at any time has appeared before the board of equalization to question in any manner an assessment made by Mr. Peetz. This year there is a decrease in valuation of \$30,445 on town lots, improvements on town lots, money, notes and accounts, and furniture. This loss is offset by a net gain of \$42,305 between the

total valuations of the roll for this year over that of last year, and does not take into account a further loss of \$15,660 in the value of sheep owned in the county for this year. To offset the loss of sheep there is a gain of 334 horses, 456 cattle and 413 swine, while the number of sheep decreases 5,957 and dogs 37.

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Summary of Assessment Roll for Sherman County Oregon, for the Year 1914.

OTTO PEETZ, Assessor.

	Value
Number acres tillable land, 271,843	\$4,239,340 00
Number acres non-tillable land, 146,087	366,570 00
Improvements on deeded land	229,720 00
Town lots	63,130 00
Improvements on town lots	171,020 00
Improvements on land not deeded	2,100 00
Stationary engines, manufacturing machinery, etc.	14,000 00
Merchandise and stock in trade	134,970 00
Farming implements, automobiles, etc.	172,900 00
Money, notes and accounts	118,940 00
Hotel and office furniture, etc.	5,010 00
Number of horses and mules, 6,827	530,250 00
Number of cattle, 2,631	93,420 00
Number of sheep and goats, 15,251	44,370 00
Number of swine 2,985	28,000 00
Number of dogs 332	3,000 00
Total value	\$6,217,360 00

Note: This does not include railroads and other public service corporations which are assessed by the state tax commission.

A Matter of Reciprocity.

Among the many measures to be voted upon at the election in November are two proposed constitutional amendments that, while seemingly apart, are yet both harsh and unyielding in their treatment of the farmer; the chief manufacturer and employer of labor that must be prosperous to radiate prosperity to others.

The first to which we refer is the proposed eight hour law. By the terms of this measure no employer in any line of work can secure the labor of another either for hire or gift for a longer period than nine hours, of which one has to be used for eating and rest; and these hours must be identical for an entire week before a change can be made by either the worker or employer.

The second is the proposed prohibition amendment, which will entirely ruin one of the largest industries of the state if enacted into law. By its terms a large part of the Willamette valley, with its machinery and appliances for the care of the growing of hops, will eventually be put out of business. This is an industry that last year grew 29,260,000 pounds of hops for which was realized \$6,426,000, according to a report of Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff.

Undoubtedly the farmers of the Willamette valley feel as keenly as to their future farming operations as do the numerous Sherman county farmers who have asked the publisher of the Observer to "say something" about the financial uncertainties that confront them if the eight hour law should be enacted into law.

The Observer is of opinion that either one of these two proposed measures are as inimical to the general prosperity of the state as the other; that both are being engineered to a vote of the people by a non-resident class who have no interest in the general welfare of the state of Oregon and who will move, after election, to the next state that will endure their upsetting methods of making a living at the expense of others.

The Observer also considers that both these measures should be carefully considered by farmers as it will affect their individual finances, and for once at least they should reciprocate one with the other, eastern Oregon with western Oregon, in putting aside an effort made to seriously cripple their business and their farming operations.

Every people, every community, every family, has its habits, with which each community becomes accustomed, hardly realizing they do so. It behooves us all to give this careful consideration as, according to the thoroughness with which this is understood, will the possibility of enforcing a change of habit be successful by legislative twist of law.

The warring European nations have decided that there is nothing gained in talking peace without the right action by a disinterested nation such as the United States. The world cannot remain in the present disorder and peace be established. The German emperor has made an outline of the first draft of a peace treaty, which, of course, is not favored by the allies. Such drafts never are; they are made for bargaining. President Wilson wanted to act more as a go-between than umpire and wanted each side to put their demands in writing, which diplomacy, which is far from being good American hard common sense, has refused to do until they fight "the other" side to a standstill. Forgetting that, in the effort, they may not be able to move when the end arrives.

The national conference of members of the Farmers' Co-operative Union in Texas last week devoted considerable time to the question of marketing farm products. Federal and state governments have been spending millions of dollars annually in urging the farmer to increase production, but little attention has been given to the marketing side of the question. It is a well known paradox that the larger the crop the less the value, and a stimulant to production without corresponding aid in marketing loses much of its worth to agriculture. The nation is fast awakening to the fact that marketing, and not production, is the problem of the farmer.

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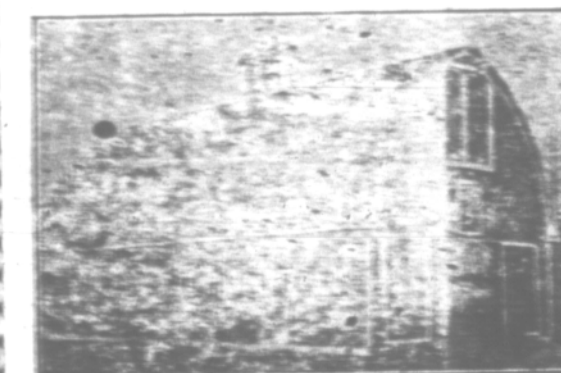
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MRS. ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY ISSUES AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

It has been brought to my attention that the Anti-Saloon League, following the same tactics it has followed in every campaign heretofore, is trying to besmirch this organization and to carry on a vicious campaign of untruths. No name seems to be too good to be dragged into the mud by them. I have reliable information that a statement has been made to the Anti-Saloon League and to the Committee of One Hundred by Mrs. Cora C. Talbot, former secretary of the Taxpayers' and Wage-Earners' League, that she was brought into this work by me under the impression that it was a Women's Suffrage movement, and her duties would be those of a physician while I made speeches throughout the state. I also understand that Mrs. Talbot makes the statement that funds have been collected without authority, and in some way the Brewers' Association has been collecting these funds. These two statements are absolutely untrue. The collection of funds was authorized by me as president, and the secretary was ordered to have a letter sent out in connection with this work. I understand that Mrs. Talbot, in this purported letter, in the hands of the Anti-Saloon League and the Committee of One Hundred, states that she objected to the raising of funds under her signature as secretary. How did the good lady think the work of this league was to be carried on? Why did she think Mr. Bortmeyer, cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank, was appointed treasurer of this league? Did she think we would ask the brewers to put up the money surreptitiously? If so, she reckoned without her host. I have always fought in the open, and now, in my 86th year, and probably in my last campaign, I do not intend to change the principles I have always fought for, nor depart from my honesty of purpose in advocacy of equal rights for all the people—by no means excluding women, for whose interests I have spent my life to obtain the ballot. My chief concern in their behalf has always been to secure for them their economic independence, as married mothers within the home, which alone will enable any woman to quit the business of marrying inebriates or raising drunkards. The moneys collected are in the hands of Treasurer Bortmeyer, and all those who have donated have received a letter acknowledging receipt thereof. Any one so desiring may inquire from our treasurer as to whether the money has been put in his hands, and I am quite sure he will advise them of receipt of their donation. If there is any one who has paid their money into this organization under misapprehension as donation for carrying on this work, this league will be only too glad to refund it.

It is indeed strange that Mrs. Talbot thought this was a Suffrage movement when she went to the Portland Hotel, engaged the dining-room for our first luncheon for organization and arranged for the payment of this luncheon, and went so far as to get speakers to express their views against Prohibition.

The real break between Mrs. Talbot and myself was caused when I found out that she had gone to the Brewers' Association, and told them she could be of good service to them in connection with this league, and asked and received a salary from the Brewers' Association on the ground that she was putting in her time and needed the money. On the 26th of August a meeting was held between Mrs. Talbot and myself for the purpose of getting matters straightened out before starting the general organization. At this meeting a statement was signed by myself as president and Mrs. Talbot as secretary that the two letters sent out by myself, as well as the letter sent out by the publicity department, were approved. This statement ended with the sentence: "After discussing generally the affairs of this league, the officers ratified all work that had been done up to date by the publicity bureau and officers of the association."

I have lived in this state for 60 years, during all of which time I have talked and worked for the people of my state, and I am willing to leave it to the public to decide as to whether I would lend myself in any way to any organization or any act that could be construed as anything but honorable. Every one in this state knows Mrs. Duniway and her family. I wish further to say that, if the occasion arises and I deem it necessary to go further into this matter, I will be glad to publish some additional facts in these same papers not necessary to publish now, and will meet the conditions as they arise. If the Anti-Saloon League, by its paid foreign agitators or Committee of One Hundred, think they can belaud this name by trying to drag into the mud my name or others, they are very much mistaken. I expect to carry this work on to the conclusion of this campaign, and then allow the people to judge as to whether we will control our own affairs in the State of Oregon or allow the paid agitators of the East to show us what to do.

(Signed) Abigail Scott Duniway

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