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Asked the Actor a Favor.

Mike Cunningham, a Chicago character, got a job as stage hand at one of the Chicago vaudeville theaters. In his first week it fell to him to don a policeman's uniform, and at the conclusion of one of the scenes in a comedy sketch he had to chase a comedy tramp across the stage, meanwhile brandishing a big club.

On Wednesday night he went to the dressing room of the comedian and said:

"Say, do me a favor, will you?"
"What is it?" asked the actor.
"When I chase you across the stage tonight let me catch you and beat you up," said Mike. "My mother's out front in the audience."—Saturday Evening Post.

Wax From Trees.

The wax palm of the Andes is a vegetable wonder. It grows to a height of nearly 200 feet and thrives not only on the plains, but the mountains. The wood is tough and durable and is employed in carpentry. The wax comes from the pits between the trunk and fronds. It is yellow or grayish white, is as pure as beeswax and is used for making candles. A peon climbing the trees can gather from twenty to thirty pounds from each.

A Plant of the Snow.

The soldanelias of the high Alpine meadows of Switzerland bore their way up through the coating of ice and snow by means of the heat generated by the growing stem. Quite commonly, if the layer of snow is very thick, the flower will open without ever reaching the surface at all. The blossom is in no way affected by its strange surroundings, thawed by the growing stem, which gives out heat.

Aired His Knowledge.

Having learned the important date when the United States mint was established and the cotton gin invented, a grammar school pupil in Kentucky, answering the question, "What were two important institutions established in Washington's administration?" wrote, "Mint and gin."—Argonaut.

Sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had given their six-year-old son Ralph a most careful home training. With great reluctance they placed him in a public school. A few days later Ralph came home with a cut lip and swollen nose.

His mother exclaimed, "How did you hurt yourself?"

He replied: "I was sliding down hill at recess and ran into a tree. It hurt pretty bad, mother, but every one was awfully good to me. The boys were just fine—why, mother, there wasn't a boy in the class who didn't say 'Gosh' when I ran into that tree."—Harper's Magazine.

**GIRL IS WINNER
IN TAX DEBATE**

ELSIE TELFORD DOWNS U'REN ARGUMENTS AT OREGON CITY.

Single Tax to Lead to Anarchy Girl Tells Judges—Farmer Soon But a Tenant—All Agree.

In the very home town of W. S. U'Ren a 17-year-old Oregon City high school girl, debating against Single Tax, defeated absolutely the arguments in favor of the U'Ren scheme outlined by older schoolmates in a recent debate.

Miss Elsie Telford was the tenth grade girl who had charge of the debate against Single Tax and all who heard the argument agreed with her judges that she won with flying colors, despite the fact that it was the first time that she had ever engaged in a debate.

Right on Her Side.

Miss Telford declared after the encounter that she was sure of her side, because she had right on her side, while she was equally sure her opponents had to debate a cause with which they had no conviction.

Some of Miss Telford's points were most trenchant. Here are some of them:

Farmer Loses Land.

"In case weather conditions do not favor crops and the landowner was unable to meet his taxes, then either the Government would take the land in payment of the taxes or it would be sold to the highest bidder."

"This would lead to anarchy."

"But more—the homeowner would defend his country and not so the tenant. The hiring will run but



MISS ELSIE TELFORD.

the shepherd will fight.' The man with a home will fight for it. The man whose home is owned by the Government, or another, will run."

Single Tax Unjust Says Girl.

In her opening argument Elsie Telford said that Single Tax is unjust, because all wealth should bear a just and equal share of the expenses of the Government. If all business and the products of labor are exempt from taxation, which they will be under so-called Single Tax, taxes on land values, water powers, natural deposits, etc., will have to be raised accordingly to make up the deficit.

"For the same amount of money as before will be required to run the Government," added Miss Telford.

"The extra tax on water powers and natural deposits will not affect the common man, but the extra tax on land will work a hardship on him."

Land Taxed, But Not Cash.

"For instance, if a man cuts some wood and raises some potatoes, sells them and takes the money derived therefrom to the bank, Single Tax says his money shall be exempt from taxation—it is the result of the man's labor."

"But if he cuts some wood and raises some potatoes, sells them, and invests the money in a few lots for his home, Single Tax says these lots must be taxed. Does not this land still represent the result of this man's labor? His money in the bank is exempt from taxation and is drawing interest as well, but the same amount of labor invested in land is taxed."

Small Home Owner Hit.

"It is the man with the small home that will not be able to pay the extra tax. The landlord always has a way of making others pay it. The man with a home must get it out of the land and if his crops fail, where is he?"

"Single Tax means the Government as owner of the land and the farmer as tenant. It can mean nothing else."

EUGENE MAN NOT FOR SCHEME.

J. C. Ayers, of 419 Fourth street, Eugene, is but one of the thousands of people of Oregon who are far from being in sympathy with Single Tax. "We don't want Single Tax here," he says.

**WEST MAKES WAR
UPON SINGLE TAX**

GOVERNOR AND TAX COMMISSION TO SUBMIT PLAN.

Oregon Equal Taxation League Joins Hands With Executive Against Tricky U'Ren and Fels Fund Propaganda.

At the request of the State Tax Commission, which intends in its own measure to prosecute vigorously the war against Single Tax, the Oregon Equal Taxation League withdrew its initiative petition against Single Tax. This petition was signed by almost 14,000 registered voters and represented the sentiment of at least 50,000 voters, whom it was impossible to reach in time. The signatures were obtained by voluntary circulators, most of them farmers. Over 12,000 of the signatures were obtained outside Multnomah County.

Fearing a chaotic condition in the minds of voters, Governor West wrote to the Equal Taxation League in Portland requesting that their measure be withdrawn.

Issue Clear Says West.

By so doing, he said, "the issue will be clearly drawn between two systems of taxation—one of which is Single Tax, the other in opposition to Single Tax, and at the same time presenting a rational plan of tax reform which will remove many of those causes which breed discontent, and give life and support to many radical schemes of taxation."

The letter was signed by Governor Oswald West, Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, State Treasurer Thomas H. Kay and Tax Commissioners J. B. Eaton and Charles W. Galloway.

"While not specifically declaring against Single Tax the bills of the State Tax Commission will have the effect of nullifying the U'Ren campaign, and make it impossible to secure Single Tax county legislation by trickery or otherwise," said Phil Metachan, president of the Equal Taxation League.

"The decided stand taken by the Governor and the Tax Commission against Single Tax renders it unnecessary for our league to bring our bill before the people at the next election."

Joint Work to Be Done.

"Our organization will now get behind the Commission's reforms and at the same time we shall continue our campaign against the Single Tax measures proposed by U'Ren and the paid beneficiaries and emissaries of the Fels Fund."

In writing to the Tax Commission and agreeing to withdraw its measure, the Equal Taxation League said:

"It appears to us, in view of the definite stand your Commission has taken against Single Tax, that by joining forces with you the opposition to the Single Tax propaganda in Oregon will be concentrated and made more effective and that confusion will be avoided. In other words, as you say, the issue will be clearly drawn between two systems of taxation—one of which is Single Tax and the other in opposition to Single Tax."

The numbers of the tax measures on the ballot, which will bar Single Tax are 364, 366 and 368.

TEACHERS IN OPPOSITION.

If any one class of persons might be expected to favor Single Tax, it would be teachers and those who have studied Henry George's "Progress and Poverty." Yet the instructors of Oregon revolt at the scheme. They realize that Single Tax spells state ownership, and while personally they might be a little the raiser—for a time—they know that ultimately the taxes will be just as high or higher, for precisely the same sum as before will have to be raised. Willard W. Austen, County School Superintendent of Grant County, who lives at Hamilton, Oregon, is but one of the many teachers who boldly expresses himself on the subject. "I am now and have always been strongly opposed to the Single Tax idea," comments County School Superintendent Austen.

ACTION PLEASES NEWSPAPER.

The Grants Pass Observer recently had this to say, following the action of the Josephine County Grange in condemning the proposed Single Tax measure: "The action of the State Grange in condemning the proposed Single Tax bill will go a long way to putting an end to that fake measure in Oregon. No landowner who understands the Single Tax scheme will be foolish enough to vote for a measure, the real purpose of which is to destroy all private ownership in land."

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