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THE TAX BURDEN.

The people of Oregon are now among the highest, if not the highest taxed people of any state in the Union, and when the proposed millage taxes are added, which are to be placed upon the primary ballot, Oregon will be first again in the list of high taxed states, providing the tax eaters are successful at the polls.

This is an unenviable reputation to be thrust upon the state and is sure to operate against desirable homeseekers locating within our state. Oregon is singularly favored by nature in point of climate, soil, general healthfulness, etc., and would become a favorite location for the homeseeker if it were not for the burdensome taxes which we are continually increasing.

The Tribune willingly concedes that a good public school system, fine colleges, splendid roads, good municipal improvements, etc., are most desirable. They add to the attractiveness of our state providing the rate of taxation is not exposed. But when the homeseeker, after overlooking the many good things and then looks at the high rate of taxation, he is very apt to turn our state down as being too expensive.

Many of our towns, when the percentage of taxation are added, find the total to be a sum so great that the taxpayer does not wish to talk about it, especially to any one who thinks about buying a home in our state.

Many of our country towns have a tax bill of from 35 to 50 and 60 mills to meet annually. This is a heavy burden to the owner or renter of property, for the owner must raise the monthly rent on the business or residence property to meet the increased burden.

The millage taxes to be voted on this year will practically double our state levy. In Linn county the tax has been increased by about 25 per cent, with the probability that another 25 per cent will be added next year.

Now there is, there must be, a limit to the tax burden soon, else our farms and other property will be practically confiscated. When taxes and the upkeep consumes, say 75 per cent of the rental value of the farm, why has not its value been destroyed? Some say "sell it and invest the money in non interest bearing bonds." But who will want to invest in property which yields a very small return? The result will be farms will depreciate in value.

Our state colleges are asking for a large increase in money through a

millage tax. Cannot these tax eating concerns be satisfied with what they now have? Can they not dispense with at least one third of the teachers now employed without material injury to those institutions? There may be just reason for our public schools to ask for the 2 mills increase, but all other millage taxes asked for should be denied.

Oregon has now issued nearly \$18,000,000 in road bonds. The result so far of the return made, is not satisfactory. We are asked to authorize the issue of another \$10,000,000 at the primary election. The bond boosters could not wait for the general election in the fall for the authority when the full vote of the state would be out, but crowded the matter onto the primary election when the vote is usually lighter. Moreover, we must expect these \$10,000,000 bond issues at every election until every county in the state will have paved roads.

We repeat, paved roads, superior public schools and colleges are all fine and desirable, providing we can afford them. But there is a limit to what people can afford to pay, and we have reached that limit. Still these tax consumers are asking for more, all of which the farmer, lumberman and stockman must pay in the end.

The trouble with Oregon is her great army of tax eaters—men and women whose salaries are drawn directly or indirectly from the taxpayers. If we reckon the number of tax eating state commissions, state eleemosynary institutions, state colleges, etc., the burden has simply become enormous, and still the cry is more from one and all.

The taxpayer must arouse himself and fight to protect his property. He has the power to curb these raids on the state treasury if he will only get out to the polls and vote NO! While we must maintain our state, county, municipal governments, our penal and eleemosynary institutions, we can cut out about one-half of our state employes and compel our colleges to be satisfied with the incomes they now have. We have simply got to force economy in every field if we do not wish our property taken from us by the tax gatherer.

THE CAMPAIGN OUTLOOK.

In a few weeks our candidates for president and other national, state, county and city officials will be chosen and we should ever keep in mind the fact that if good men or women are not chosen for candidates, good men or women cannot be elected as our officials. Therefore our primary elections, where candidates are nominated, are fully as important as are our general elections later on.

From the present outlook General Wood, Governor Loudon and Senator Johnson seem to be the most talked of possibilities of the republican party and most probably one of them will be chosen as the candidate of that party.

General Wood has an excellent reputation as an executive in Cuba and the Philippine Islands. He stands for the ratification of the league treaty, now pending before the U. S. senate. Governor Loudon has a splendid record as governor of Illinois, and has accomplished more in the way of economic reform than any governor that state has had. He favors confirming the league treaty.

Senator Johnson made an excellent reputation as governor of California, but opposes any league of nations. If nominated he will be defeated, for a large majority of the people of the United States favor the league and will not vote for a candidate who is opposed to it.

On the democratic side Herbert C. Hoover is a very strong man, and while not a candidate for the nomination the people want him, because

he is entirely free of partyism and, if nominated, will reflect the wishes of a large majority of the people. But he is opposed by the politicians who may be able to prevent his selection as the San Francisco candidate. The people would like to have him nominated. If so, he will be elected. He would probably select a coalition cabinet which would go far towards destroying extreme partyism and effect a regeneration of our government.

William G. McAdoo has a strong following and if nominated he is big enough and liberal enough to make a good president. However, being a son-in-law of the president he would be fought with more bitterness than he otherwise would.

Quite recently the name of ex-speaker Champ Clark is being favorably mentioned. Mr. Clark would have been nominated eight years ago had it not been for his fool managers who made a deal in his favor with Tamany Hall of New York which brought about his defeat. Mr. Clark has been speaker of the house of representatives for eight years and is one of the most popular democrats of our nation. If nominated he will make a popular candidate.

Mr. Bryan, of course, will be at the convention and his name may be submitted as a candidate. But having the distinction of three defeats for the presidency is not likely to meet with favor before the convention, though he may have much influence in naming the candidate, as he did at Baltimore eight years ago.

Republican newspapers and orators seem cocksure that their party is sure to win in November. They make assertions of sureness that some people actually believe them. Now such sureness is assumed for a purpose. However, there are two things to combat this sureness. A republican congress has been in session something over one year. It has acquired the reputation of doing almost nothing, other than fight the treaty and covenant of the league of nations during that year. If we compare what the recent special session has accomplished with that done by the special session called by President Wilson in 1913 the difference is largely in favor of the democrats.

Another feature: No candidate who has fought confirmation of the treaty can be elected. For this reason General Wood or Governor Loudon is their party's best bet. This eliminates Senator Johnson as a possibly successful candidate. Indeed, it is doubtful if he could carry his own state of California on that issue.

The Tribune will be satisfied with the election of either Wood or Loudon, providing Hoover is not nominated. Should Hoover be nominated we are for him first, last and all the time.

If the treaty and league become an issue it will become a strong plank in the democratic platform. Nor can the republican platform be silent on the treaty, for the leaders of that party know that the people want the treaty confirmed, and the democrats will have a large advantage if the treaty is an issue at the polls next November.

Nobody with any degree of certainty can prophesy what the result may be. The growth of political independency has been great during the past four years and such votes would be cast for Mr. Hoover if he should be nominated. The people are tired of intense partisanism. They think less of party today than they ever did and they are sure to register their votes in favor of independency if given an opportunity.

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Dated and the first publication hereof is February 5, 1920.

Mary Edith McKnight, Executrix.
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