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OWNERS OF LAND WILL SUFFER CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

That the owner of land will suffer the confiscation of his property, while the man who rents land will not be benefited by the adoption of the "Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homesteaders' Loan Fund Amendment" is one of the points emphasized by Henry E. Reed, assessor of Multnomah county. By analyzing the results of this single tax measure Mr. Reed proves that should it be adopted, all land rentals must be paid as at present, with the state as universal landlord. He also shows why, with this amendment's remarkable provisions enforced, land will not have any selling value.

In speaking of the certain results of this measure, which is on the November ballot, Mr. Reed, in a Gresham speech, said:

"The value of land, when not speculative, is only its net product—or rent—capitalized at the rate per cent which the community regards as a fair return on real estate investments. The amendment aims to take, through taxation, all of the rent and pay it into the state treasury."

"When such a special and exclusive permanent tax as this is imposed, the present value of it falls for all time to come upon the present owner. The capital value of the land is at once reduced to nil—confiscated by the taking of the entire ground rent. Manifestly, if there be no ground rental, there can be no capital value remaining in the hands of the possessor of the title, no matter what the extent or value of his holdings."

"The total, or use value of the land, will neither be increased nor decreased by the tax; it will remain the same whether the tax be high or low. What will occur is that the to-

tal value will be transferred to the state; the owner will retain the shell and the state will take the kernel.

"Land will not have any selling value. Rent will not cease, but will be paid to the state as universal landlord."

C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, has taken a strong stand against the Single Tax measure, named on the ballot the "Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homesteaders' Loan Fund Amendment." In an interview the other day he said:

"This measure would not benefit the farmer in the least. In fact it would injure every enterprising farmer severely."

"It amounts, practically, to confiscation of all land by the state. Now, if they start in to confiscate land, the next step will be to confiscate improvements on the land."

"What recourse would there be for a farmer, renting land under the provisions of this bill, if he found himself unable to keep up his payments on the land after he had spent his money and labor for many years in improving it?"

"He would lose the land, of course, but how could he save his improvements? He couldn't take his barn with him, nor his irrigation ditches nor drainage ditches, nor even his fences."

"This bill is another form of Single Tax. The people have rejected Single Tax in this state repeatedly."

All farmers who have their own interests and the interests of the farmers as a class at heart should vote against this bill."

Many people still confuse this "Full Rental Value Land Tax Amendment" with the state rural credits measure. The land tax amendment is Nos. 306 and 307 on the November ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROFIT-SHARING SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

For All New Subscriptions and Renewals

CHANCE TO GET A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FREE

From now until Saturday night, December 30, 1916, the Twice-a-Week Outlook will conduct a Profit-Sharing Subscription Campaign, giving to one person out of every ten a year's subscription entirely free.

Subscriptions have been slow during the past year although the cost of paper and all printing material has been continually raising. We want to materially increase our list during the next two and a half months. We also want to encourage the cash-in-advance plan which we have adopted to help offset the greatly increased cost of paper. And then, too, we want you to read the ads and patronize our splendid list of advertisers.

The plan is this—

One person out of every ten paying a \$1.50 cash-in-advance new or renewal subscription to the Twice-a-Week Outlook will be selected by lot, by a disinterested person. To the one thus selected will be given a written order good for \$1.50 on any person or firm the subscriber may select, whose advertisement appeared in the Outlook next preceding the issue of the order. The order can be used any time before January 1, 1917, and will be good for \$1.50 on any purchase or payment of a bill.

There are just two requirements:—

The subscription must be paid in advance, new or renewal, and the store or person on which the order is drawn must be selected from the advertisers in the Outlook next preceding the issue of the order.

The drawing will be made promptly for every ten subscriptions and the results published in the next Outlook. Then it is up to the fortunate one to call for the order as above.

There is just one exception, a combination subscription, in which case the person selected will be given an order for \$1.00 instead of \$1.50.

The drawing will be made from the duplicate receipts kept by us and unknown to the person making the selection.

ARMSTRONG OPPOSES COUNTY UNIT SYSTEM

About fifty teachers were present at the county institute, held in the Gresham district schoolhouse on Saturday last. County Superintendent A. P. Armstrong presided. Dinner was served by the domestic science class of Union High School No. 2, elaborate preparations having been made for a larger attendance, with the result that there was a small deficiency after everyone had been served.

N. C. Maris, O. A. C. Field worker, gave an address on industrial club work. S. B. Hall, county agriculturist, introduced the boys and girls of Multnomah county who won prizes at the county and state fairs in the canning contest and other school features.

The women teachers of the normal district organized a schoolma'am club with Mrs. Wallace of the Gilbert school as president. Miss Marian Robertson, principal of the Rockwood school was elected vice president and Mrs. Janet Grant of Fairview was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Portland parent-teachers' associations, gave a very interesting and instructive address. She urged the teachers to organize a parent-teacher circle in every school district of the county.

County Superintendent Armstrong spoke on proposed school legislation. He advocated a tenure of office act for the rural schools and opposed the county unit system of organizing each county into one district with one board of directors, one of whom is to be the county school superintendent.

Miss Dorothy Lewis of Portland sang eight selections for the teachers. Miss Lewis has a lovely voice and everyone who heard her was well pleased.

"What misfortune then happened to Bishop Odo?" was a question asked of the history class, according to a correspondent of the London Spectator, "He went blind," one pupil answered. An explanation was demanded. "There, sir!" triumphantly exclaimed the youthful historian, "the book says so." The sentence indicated read, "Odo was deprived of his see."

An Englishman has invented a device to enable aviators in flight to pick up messages from the ground by dropping a grapnel at the end of a line.

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Special: 48-inch Colorado field fence, 33c a rod. L. L. Kidder Hardware Co.

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RESIDENT OF VICINITY PASSES AWAY IN KANSAS

The following obituary was sent us by Frank E. Bates, of Springdale, from Woodston, Kansas, whither he went last July with his mother, hoping that the change would benefit her health. The many friends of the family here join in sympathy for the bereaved ones, who in her death have lost a beloved mother and a faithful friend.

Orrilla A. Fisk was born in Buchanan, Michigan, December 13, 1849 and departed this life in Woodston, Kansas, October 1, 1916. She was united in marriage to Sutfiff Bates September 16, 1866 at Buchanan. To this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom survive her, her husband having preceded her eleven months and twelve days, Mrs. W. G. Thomas of Woodston, Kansas, Mrs. Grant Bell, Mrs. C. C. Crowston, Frank and Harley Bates of Troutdale, Oregon. She is also survived by two brothers and one sister, B. F. Bates of Buchanan, Mich., Mrs. Ellen Downing of Gallen, Michigan and C. K. Fisk, Sandy, Oregon. In 1879 she moved to Kansas with her husband and children, settling on a homestead five miles west of Alton, where they resided until 1899 when they removed to Troutdale, Oregon, remaining there until July of the present year when, with her son Frank she returned to Kansas to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Thomas, in the hopes of benefiting her declining health, but to no avail as she continued to fail rapidly until she fell asleep in the Lord.

She was converted in the year 1892 to the faith which excludes all thoughts of self righteousness, relying wholly upon the blood of Christ as the atonement for sin, and which lives ever under the brightness of that hope of the Christian, the speedy return of our Lord for his own, both living and sleeping. Her body was laid to rest in the Spring Branch cemetery there to await the glory of the resurrection. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Myers of the Woodston M. E. church.

Notice of Change of Corporation Name.

In pursuance of resolution of stockholders, the name of the Sterling & Kidder Hardware Co., a corporation of Oregon, has been changed to that of the L. L. Kidder Hardware Co., and Supplemental Articles of Incorporation have been filed and said change allowed by the Corporation Commissioner of Oregon; and, hereafter, said corporation will be known and do business as the L. L. Kidder Hardware Co.

L. L. KIDDER HARDWARE CO.
By L. L. Kidder, President.
By James Elkington, Secretary.
(Seal)

Everyone has something to buy or sell. Try an Outlook want ad.

PIONEER TYPE OF HOUSES THAT IS FAST DISAPPEARING

Before the days of the first sawmills of Oregon there were frame houses, built of lumber brought around Cape Horn in the slow-sailing ship of the days of '49. Portland, Oregon City, Vancouver and Astoria have a few of them yet.

Probably one of the oldest specimens of these early houses is yet to be seen just a short distance west of the Mount Tabor reservoir on the Section Line road. There is only a tradition left of its early existence, for no one has been found who can tell when it was built. But it served its purpose and was really the finest house in eastern Multnomah for many years.

It is of the old colonial style with its length fronting the road and a porch running its full front. It is but one and one-half stories high, and it stands there a specter of the departed years, its only improvement since it was first built being a new roof of split shingles.

Like all the other frame houses of its period it was solidly and substantially built, simple in design, good in dimensions and roomy. It was the leisure and increasing wealth of a later generation that instigated the era of "glimmericks and gewgaws." And while it raged—and it raged from one end of Oregon to the other—many a fine old house, unfortunately, was torn away to make place for a "modern" horror or was converted by impious hands into what was regarded a "handsome dwelling" by the ill-advised critics of the day.

McLaughlin House a Type.

Several of the buildings made of eastern-sawed lumber are standing yet. Some have but recently been torn down that were sixty years ago the finest houses in Portland. The most notable one in the state, said to have been built of imported lumber, is the old home of Dr. McLaughlin at Oregon City. It is being carefully preserved and will probably be the last one left in a few years.

The Cliff House, at Oregon City, but recently razed to make room for the new paper mill, was another. Astoria's last one was torn down long ago. None are known to be left in Vancouver.

When sawmills were set up in Oregon there were many more houses of the same class built and not a few of them are standing yet more than sixty years old. The most noted, from a historical standpoint, is the old Lwelling residence at Milwaukie. It was there that the first bill was drafted giving Oregon the initiative and referendum. Mr. Lwelling, who was one of the three principal men interested in the measure, has been dead for twenty years. Two others, W. S. U'Ren and A. I. Mason, are yet potent factors in the politics of Oregon.

The Glorified Log Cabin.

But the old-time house of the pioneers in Oregon that elicits great admiration at the present time has been said by some one to be a glorified log cabin. By this is meant that in design, form and proportion it is an evolution of the first homes of the first settlers. As the first cabin was the product of compromise between desire and resources, the first frame buildings were an evolution of the log cabin. As the first was the product of compromise between desire

and resources, so, in a degree was the latter.

Log cabins, it will be observed, are strikingly similar in general shape the country over. They have, obviously greater length than depth and generally a height that varies but little from the depth. The doors, too, were usually in the center, the chimney at one end.

When that "better" house that the family coveted was designed, the log cabin character became part of it. The proportions remained much the same. The "new" house, in short, was the old cabin—multiplied, very often by eight. That is, there were four rooms downstairs and four rooms upstairs, though not, infrequently, the upstairs had only two rooms. The designers, no doubt, had no idea that, back of their plan, was the log cabin basis. They probably thought they were emancipated completely from the cabin influence. But those who are given to theorizing insist that the log cabin experience was too intimate a part of the lives of the earlier architects to be ousted so easily and utterly.

Oregon still has some of the old-time cabins and to these as well as the houses of a later date and more refined era there attaches great interest. The surrounding forest, almost without exception, provided everything that went into the construction of the home.

Its Hewed Log Successors.

The house of hewed logs followed the rough cabin of the earliest settlers. These, by comparison, presented quite a neat appearance, with their smooth walls and mortar daubing, and with floors, frames and finishing of yellow fir or native cedar, and when built of two or more rooms, were considered particularly fine. They were sometimes of two stories, also, and the earlier taverns and business houses on the highways were usually of this kind. Some of these houses, while they would be considered small now, were regarded as spacious then, and, indeed, their capacity for accommodation was something to be wondered at.

The last remaining building of this type in Multnomah county was destroyed about a dozen years ago. It was the old schoolhouse in what is now District No. 10, and stood near where the Cliff M. E. church now stands about three miles northeast of Gresham. Many of the first settlers here attended school within its walls.

The simple log cabin home—which was the average home of Oregon sixty years ago—is an integral part of the history of the state. In the humble abodes where the pioneers dwelt were raised a majority of the men and women who laid the foundation of the state and who stood sponsor for it when it was admitted into the union in 1859.

But not a few of the men who sway its destinies today were the product of the later era when the pioneer, profiting at last from his years of toil and privation and self-sacrifice, saw his broad fields bearing ample crops and the future holding forth even greater promise, outgrew the cabin and built, in its place, the larger house to shelter his family. Beneath the roof thus erected by the side of the old cabin, many of Oregon's leading men were born and raised.

DEMOCRATIC RALLY LARGELY ATTENDED

Saturday evening's rally, held in Metzger's hall by the local Woodrow Wilson club was largely attended, many of those being republicans. D. M. Roberts acted as presiding officer and there was singing by a mixed quartet. Mrs. Emil Oswald rendered a vocal solo.

The first speaker was Roswell P. Hurst, who spoke in the interests of Judge Gatens, presenting some good arguments why he should be re-elected.

The other speaker was John H. Stevenson. He made a good talk in favor of President Wilson's candidacy. The entertainment was brief but enthusiastically received by the democratic supporters of both Mr. Gatens and the president. A. F. Flegel, who was billed to be one of the speakers, was unable to attend.

Dancing at Becker's Hall.

A big dance will be given every Saturday night at Becker's hall, Corbett. Hardwood floor 50x60. Best of music. No improper conduct allowed.

Bargains in the Want Ads

FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH LUCKY FOR U. H. S.

In a fast game of football at Estacada Friday between Union High School No. 2 and Estacada High school, the Union High team defeated the Estacada team to the tune of 13 to 7.

E. Brown, O. Stone and G. McCormick starred for the Union team. This is the second game won by the local team this year. The team was accompanied by a number of the students, who went along to "root." Everyone went up by auto, there having been several loads.

Wins Suit Against Father.

D. W. Olds, who was seriously injured two years ago while helping his father build the new Bull Run bridge across the Sandy was awarded a verdict of \$3,500 in a trial at Oregon City last week. He sued for \$10,000, physician and hospital fees and \$3 a day for time lost.

Multnomah Grange Dance.
Given by Multnomah grange Saturday evening, October 21 in their hall at Orient. Supper 50c per couple; tickets 75c. Good music. 67

NEW ASSOCIATION TO HELP TEMPERANCE

The Multnomah County Grave-Diggers' association was organized at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning, as a culmination of the very interesting and instructive address by E. A. Baker, president of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league.

This is a unique organization, and so far as is known, the only one of its kind in existence. Its object and conditions of membership are as follows: This organization is a Gresham creation, non-sectarian and non-political. Any person, white or black, voter or non-voter, who is in sympathy with the dry laws of Oregon, can become a member by agreeing to use his or her influence against the Brewers' Wet Amendment. Your vote is your shovel. Get into the ranks and help bury the whiskey traffic with fifty thousand majority.

The first regular meeting of the association will be held this evening at the Methodist Episcopal church at 7:30. Rev. A. C. Moses of Portland will be present and talk on how to help in the campaign. There will be good music. All are invited.

The officers of the association are, president, Geo. F. Honey; vice president, Mrs. Ella Aton; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Leonard.

Oregon Railroad commission abandons valuation of Oregon trunk line of the Hill system, as Interstate Commerce Commission is doing the same work. This work of the federal government is being duplicated in nearly all states at public expense and shows the folly of joint control of the railroads by 45 states and also by the nation.

Keep Hunters Out.
Plenty of "No Trespass or No Hunting" signs at Outlook office—cloth or cardboard—5c and 10c each. Phone your order—701.

A BANQUET

BY THE
Presbyterian Women's
Society

IN FAIRVIEW CITY HALL

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

7 p. m.

Abundance of Good Eats will be served.

Varied Program. More than 50 Entertainers

Tickets 25c, Children 15c

Come, and

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

A TON OF CORN FOR FIVE CENTS

The checking up on some of the demonstrations has been occupying part of my time the last two weeks. Some of the results are rather remarkable and will be given publication as they are figured out.

The one demonstration on the farm of Mr. Helmer Johnson near Pleasant Home goes to substantiate what I recommended to several farmers last spring. That is, that a little quickly available fertilizer planted with the corn will give it a good start and keep it growing through the cool weather during May and the first part of June and result in an increased yield of green corn for the silo.

The results which Mr. Johnson secured are almost unbelievable, but they have been secured through the careful work of two other parties besides myself.

With 58 cents worth of fertilizer per acre, he increased the yield 10.4 tons per acre, or at a fertilizer cost of less than six cents per ton of green corn. The corn was weighed after it had been frosted and the leaves were practically dry. The yield of green corn on the unfertilized part of the field was 12.8 tons per acre and on the fertilized part 23.2 tons per acre. After filling his silo Mr. Johnson has about two acres left.

The results are probably greater than can be received on an average of all of our different soils but many can get corn just as cheap by giving it a trial. We hope to have several try this demonstration another year to determine its value on the different soils of the county.

S. B. HALL, County Agent.

FATHER FILES SUIT TO RECOVER LAND

Allegations that his son took advantage of his age and infirmities in inducing him to sign a deed to a farm near Orient are made in a suit filed yesterday at Oregon City by Fritz Timmerman, aged 77 years, against his son, Carl Timmerman. His son's wife, Harriet C. Schuebel, as trustee, is also named as a defendant.

The aged father alleges that his son told him that the deed in question was a lease. The old man says he is ill, that he cannot read English and that he is deaf.

Weather Forecast.

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: The indications are that the weather during the coming week will be generally fair with temperatures near the seasonal average.

Apparatus that simplifies the examination of paper money under a magnifying glass has been patented by a California woman.

Tailoring.
For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.