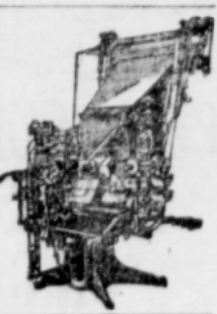


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BOBBING UP AGAIN.

Oregon's single taxers are already laying their plans to bring the subject to a vote again at the next election, and in their desperate efforts to attain their object are trying to drag the State Federation of Labor and the Oregon state grange into their proposed campaign.

E. L. Stack of the Federation is using the name of v. E. Spece, master of the Oregon state grange, as one of those who favor single tax, and who will give his assistance in 1918 to the attainment of that object. Mr. Stack has been wonderfully fooled by someone—perhaps by Mr. Spence, himself.

It is well known that Mr. Spence and the grange were solid against the whole single tax business. The idea of single tax is not favored by owners of farm lands, nor by many who own city property, and as only landholders are eligible as members of the grange—and their families—it is not probable that many of them would be so unwise as to make beggars of themselves to gratify the single tax theorists by voting for such a measure.

As to the Federation of labor, it is true that many of its members favor single tax. But a great majority of them are not property owners, and are seeking to confiscate the property of those who may be possessed of a piece of land, thereby making an effort to get something for nothing. Mr. Stack represents the Federation, and is probably as sincere as his colleagues in making the attempt. But he should not be so foolish as to expect that Mr. Spence or the grange will yield themselves to his plans, for they will not.

To quote the Oregon Voter: "Mr. Spence is an adroit politician, who has the clever faculty of letting each crowd think that he agrees with them." The labor organizations and single taxers are working with Mr. Spence to promote the different schemes to which the grange is committed, and naturally he does not wish to offend them. He rarely commits himself, setting aside questions with a cheerful smile, and those who confer with him usually depart well pleased with the interview and strong in the feeling that at last they have won over the wily granger to their opinion.

And that is just where Mr. Spence and the grange have made their greatest mistake in dealing with the federation of labor. To admit the federation into grange councils was a mistake in the beginning and Mr. Spence should be firm in his insistence that the grangers will not help the single tax propagandists in their designs upon the farmers and their holdings in real property.

But the single taxers have not converted Mr. Spence, nor will they be able to do so. The members of the grange are sure of his real opinions concerning single tax, and it is certain that he will do all he can to beat it in any future campaign.

A WANING INDUSTRY.

There are symptoms appearing that the munitions industry is on the wane. Great Britain has recently cancelled a \$60,000,000 contract with Midvale steel company. The same symptoms also indicate that the days of some of Wall street's flourishing "war brides" are numbered.

That is to say, the crest of the munitions floodtide in the United States has passed, and from now on until the end of the war we may look for a diminishing export business in war materials.

England, France and Russia, spurred by the unprecedented bleeding to which the American manufacturers have subjected them, have about reached the point where their own plants can supply the needs of their armies, and what America hereafter supplies them will have to be at prices within hailing distance of the bound of reason.

Russia's larger necessities are quite beyond the facilities of Russia's industry, but Russia has the advantage of all the resources of all the Japanese plants at rates highly

profitable to the Japanese and yet below the cost of manufacture in Europe or the United States.

The situation will no doubt be painful to a class of manufacturers in the east, who have made exorbitant profits through bleeding the belligerents, but there is no reason why the people of the United States should generally complain. The munitions industry has not been profitable to the whole country, especially on this coast, because it has upset its industrial equilibrium, its financial equilibrium and a remarkable degree, and it was the starting point of much of the absurd inflation that has characterized what otherwise might have become a highly profitable and wholesome prosperity.

It will not be a bad thing for us if long before the end of the war the many plants that have left their ordinary lines of manufacture for the more tempting profits of munitions are compelled to return to the production of the articles of use to which they devoted themselves before the outbreak of the war. It is certainly better that this reconversion should begin now than to come with a shock at the end. It would be better for the atmosphere to be released from the balloon gradually than to have the thing burst.

The cessation of the munitions trade will accomplish another thing that will be much more beneficial than the unthinking element dreams of—the reduction of gold imports. The business men of the country comprehend it, and they know that we have already more gold than is good for the country if we are to retain a healthy, stable system of finance and a well-balanced industry and commerce.

If Europe must continue to kill and destroy, let her supply her own agencies of destruction.

The Nebraska dries propose a law which will require officers to arrest a man who has the smell on his breath. That is worse than search and seizure but would a cloven breath afford protection under the Oregon bone dry law?

The agricultural department says the western farmers ought to study the different potato grades. They have studied long enough to know that the two dollar grade of 1916 is a blamed sight better than the six-bit grade of 1914 was.

A good saving device is to take out a life insurance policy. It is your duty to do so if you have dependents. If you are worth shucks you will have dependents some day, and then the cost will not be so heavy, if you do it now.

The Congressional Record tells us that the public buildings bill carries \$28,000,000. As we find no appropriation for Gresham therein we conclude that the bill is all pork, deserving of universal disapproval.

The inquisitive subscriber at Troutdale asks: "How do you know when advice is sound?" That's about what all advise is—sound. And everybody should know it without asking questions.

Don't be unhappy if you are not able to own an automobile. The man who hoofs it several miles a day is not worrying over the disappearance of gasoline 138 years from now.

The California scientist who has figured out why men grow, and can cause them to grow taller, might just keep on until he finds out why some don't grow wiser.

New York claims the honor of swatting the first fly of the year, but it is likely that somebody in Gresham could have won the prize several times over.

The number of increasing marriages may be accounted for on the hypothesis that in the days of h. c. of l. two can live cheaper than one.

The Japanese make a serviceable rainproof garment from paper from the mitsumata plant, which grows in the mountains of the islands.

Rattlesnake oil is now quoted at \$14.40 a pound. Rattlesnake "bite" will be about the same price in Oregon by this time next year.

It's rather nice of the weather man to hand us a bunch of pleasant winter weather after he has thrown the cold wave scare into us.

Regarding the proposed changes in the Oregon game laws, it may be noted that the open season for the dove of peace still continues.

Statistics show very plainly that if the married men would behave themselves that two-thirds of the divorces would never happen.

The self-starter is a perfect mechanical device, and the inventors should now turn their attention to a self stopper.

Pink bollworms have increased the severity of their attacks on this year's cotton crop in Egypt.

THOSE FREE SEEDS.

Ever since the first Monday in December the people of the nation had been on the tiptoe of expecancy. But the anxiety came to an end last week when the announcement was made by Congressman McArthur and all the other congressmen that free seeds were ready to be sent out as per apportionment and by a vote of the house of representatives. Citizens of the republic, consequently, may once more go about their business with minds at ease and the wrinkles of worry smoothed from their brows. The congressmen have not been heedless of their duties.

Long before the early robin has returned or the pollywog has been evolved into a frog the government's seed will have reached the hands of an eager and clamoring public. In neat packages ornamented with the congressman's hieroglyphics and a suggestion that the recipient "report results," these flower and vegetable seeds will arrive at their destinations. Inasmuch, however, as the further inscription on the packet will bear the information that the seeds are of varieties of flower and vegetables that are already well known and thoroughly tried, the recipient will disregard, as usual, the injunction to "report."

What, he asks himself, is the use? If congressmen still imagine that constituents are really grateful for this munificent gift that arrives under the congressional frank they are misinformed. Government free seeds are an embarrassment. The frugal soul of man hesitates to destroy them utterly, but common sense, on the other hand, and experience combine to advise him that planting them is attended by risks too great to assume. Government seed is rarely the best seed; very often it is not even good seed. Germination is uncertain and final results are not always satisfactory.

Of course, Jones, living in a city apartment and never setting foot off the asphalt, may feel himself somewhat flattered when the congressional remembrance is laid at the door of his flat; but Smith, who cultivates a back yard and knows the business of gardening, is neither flattered nor grateful. He is usually indignant. The average farmer, who gives the matter serious thought, feels much the same way. And estimates have been made wherein figures occur and recur to show that 90 per cent of the distributed seeds are never planted at all.

The public, in short, does not approve the procedure. The appropriation of \$243,000 is a waste. Applied to assisting producer and consumer to closer relations, to the advantage of each, it would serve a genuinely useful purpose. Since new telegraph cables to Ceylon have been opened messages have been transmitted from London within half an hour. Grazing experts of the forest service estimate the cost of producing lambs in the northwestern states is \$1.82 a head.

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Trains for Portland 12:50 AM Dly Ex. Sun. 2:04 AM Sun. Only. 5:40 AM Dly Ex. Sun. 6:25 AM Dly from Mt. Hood Depot. 7:38 AM Dly. 8:15 AM Dly from Mt. Hood Depot. 9:34 AM Sun. Only. 10:40 AM Dly. 11:30 AM Dly from Mt. Hood Depot. 11:45 AM Sun. Only. 12:40 PM Dly to Gresham only. 1:34 PM Dly. 2:40 PM Dly. 3:20 PM Dly from Mt. Hood Depot. 4:40 PM Dly. 5:34 PM Dly. 6:40 PM Dly Ex. Sun. 6:40 PM Dly from Mt. Hood Depot. 7:16 PM Dly. 9:15 PM Dly. 11:15 PM Dly.

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CAUSE OF HARD TIMES.

One of the most potent factors that have entered into the business depression in Oregon during the past year is the expenditure for the single commodity of gasoline.

Statistics gathered by a Portland paper show that \$30,000,000 was paid for "gas" by the auto owners of Oregon during 1916. The figures are staggering, but true, for it is shown that 150,000,000 gallons were used at a cost averaging 20 cents a gallon. About one-half of the money paid out was sent to the east or California and never came back. The thirty millions paid out amounts to more than the total production of lumber in Oregon for last year; and the fifteen millions that never came back is about the value of the 1916 wheat crop.

Add to the above figures the cost and upkeep of about 10,000 new automobiles last year, and the repairs on the other 20,000 old ones, and some idea can be formed of what the automobile and gasoline have done toward the high cost of living. Then take into consideration twice as many autos in the state of Washington and about 200,000 in California. Then you will know where the Pacific coast money is going to.

The British navy now employs a life craft made in the shape of a huge doughnut. Each battleship carries this kind of life-saving craft.

A key for police patrol boxes has been made of a nonconducting material to guard users from possible electric shocks.

Although most of the cities in Japan have good sidewalks, modern street paving is practically unknown in the empire.

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