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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 measures to prosecute vigorously the war against Single Tax, the Oregon Equal Taxation League withdrew its initiative petition against Single Tax.

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in the minds of voters, Governor West wrote to the Equal Taxation League in Portland requesting that their measure be withdrawn.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 impetus to many radical schemes of taxation."

The letter was signed by Governor Oswald West, Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, State Treasurer Thomas B. 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 Metschan, 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 304, 306 and 308.

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 gainer—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.

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."

MOSIER'S AGREEMENT

We are indebted to Mr. Wm. Akers, deputy assessor for this district, for the following interesting figures, which approximate very closely the number of acres of land in cultivation

and trees planted in Mosier District. This is the first year that data of this kind has been obtainable, as no record has ever before been made or kept. It is interesting to note the large increase in the number of trees planted, particularly apple trees, in the past six years, showing the rapid development of this district. It explains, also, why Mosier's output of apples is so small compared with Hood River, for instance, which was setting out large tracts to apples long before Mosier was "discovered" as one of the best apple districts in the United States.

According to Mr. Akers' figures, there are 2,677 cultivated acres in the Mosier District. So far this year 40,880 apple trees have been planted. There are 35,120 1-year-olds; 15,180 2-year-olds; 10,517 3's; 10,460 4's; 5,070 5's; 3,030 6's; 854 7's; 500 8's; 425 9's, and 17,336 from 10 to 20 years old, making a total of 147,619 apple trees, only 19,115 of which can be reckoned as commercial trees this year.

There are in the district 475 apricot trees; 3,214 peaches; 3,200 pears; 3,873 prunes and 4,175 cherries.

Harold and Helen Davis, who have been spending several months here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McGregor, left yesterday for Prineville to visit relatives.



A HANDSOME SCREEN DOOR

Otto Hage returned to Mosier the first of the week, after an absence of over two years, spent mostly in Eastern Oregon and Washington. Mr. Hage will assist his brother, C. A. Hage, in the erection of the latter's vine-gar plant on Rock Creek.

Messrs. Chas. Davenport and Jas. Cherry last week finished planting the "Mosier Bottom" to potatoes. The ground is very fertile and in fine condition, the seed was planted considerably earlier than last year and they expect to harvest a bumper crop this fall.

What about that boat landing for Mosier? Is there any good reason why we cannot have it? The merchants and the farmers will be immensely benefited by it; so would the town and the people in general. Freight rates would be reduced and it would afford a cheap and pleasant means of travel up and down the Columbia. By all means let us have a boat landing.

To extend the usefulness of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, a branch has been opened in London by W. F. Gwin, general manager, and it is hoped to extend the fame of Northwest fruit throughout Europe. It is believed the present business there can be increased largely.

Miss Bertha Booth, of Portland, is visiting friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCargar were passengers on this morning's local for Portland.

G. W. Harvey and family will leave today for Umatilla, where he has secured employment.

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