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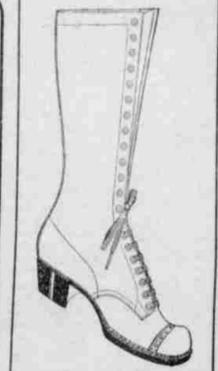
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Dr. W. S. Nichol and family returned the latter part of the week from an extended trip through the eastern and southern states, in which they visited many of the orchard districts and other places of interest. They went by the northern route, visiting Vancouver and Victoria on their way. After leaving Winnipeg they went down the Great Lakes to Ontario, visiting Niagara Falls. From Buffalo east they traversed the apple districts of New York and Ontario, then to Boston, and south to New Orleans. From there they made an extensive trip through Alabama and Georgia, visiting St. Louis and their old home in southwest Missouri, returning home by the southern route through Texas, stopping at Los Angeles, and then home. Speaking of the impressions of the trip Mr. Nichol said:

"In all the places we visited, we did not find a place that we would prefer to Hood River. We saw many districts that are excellent, yet in all of them there were things lacking that make it the ideal place to live that we enjoy here. My impression of the apple crop in the east is that it has been greatly overestimated. Only in a few places did we see what was called a full crop. The lake level of New York seemed to be in the best shape, the orchards being well cared for and the fruit of fair quality. The Ontario crop seemed to be very light. In Missouri the crop is large, but the quality poor. The fruit is simply covered with fungus, the trees badly affected with blight and the apples full of worms. The fungus is so bad that it can be easily seen in the orchards from the train."

"As a boy I remember how good the apples tasted in our old orchard in Missouri, and while there I had a curiosity to eat the fruit from the old trees and see whether it was merely a boyish fancy or whether the apples really had a superior flavor to our Hood River fruit. We wandered through the old orchard and picked apples from many trees. I must say that I was disappointed. As compared with the apples we raise here, the fruit from the old trees of my boyhood days were much inferior in every particular. About the best commercial propositions that we saw on our trip were the turpentine trees in Alabama and the lima bean crop of California. The turpentine trees are yielding fortunes to their owners, and the lima beans seemed to be the most profitable crop in California. In the latter state we saw only partial crops of olives and walnuts, but many trees bare of a crop and partially dead trees of every variety everywhere that had the appearance of winter kill."

O. A. C. in Lead at Hood River

As the general exodus for schools and colleges begins one cannot help but notice the increased number from Hood River who are planning on attending the Oregon Agricultural College this year. What is the cause of this renewed interest? Is it the call of the field, or has the machine of the young farmer? With some it may be the hustle and bustle of a business career, while with the girls it seems to be the home-making science which has attracted their attention. At any rate, O. A. C. is receiving her share of Hood River's young harvest of freshmen. The old students are, of course, returning with renewed energy and enthusiasm to take up the responsibilities of upper classesmen. Ray Nickelsen, Carl Berry and Floyd Nunamaker are returning to take up sophomore work in agriculture. Roberta Friday and Edythe Brunquist will continue their work in domestic science. Mary Irwin and Joy Mason will enter on junior work in commerce. Robert Shinn, after an absence of two years, will re-enter as a junior in agriculture. Freeman Mason, who has spent his summer in the valley, will return to begin his work as an associate editor on "The Orange", the juniors' year annual book.

The new students who will enter the agricultural course are Waldo Arens, Albert Ferguson, Culvert Page, Harry Coshov and Forrest Mox. Earl Franz will take up work in business management in the commerce course. Gladys Clark, Addis Freeman and Helen Cox will register in domestic science. In the last two years many new buildings have been erected at a great cost to the state and with the many new instructors added to the faculty we predict one of the fullest and most successful years that O. A. C. has ever enjoyed. The green campus and the many new improvements will make for the returning students a happy, welcome and to the "Rooks" it will soon become as dear as to the graduate.—Contributed.

Foster Home Industries

In reference to a movement recently started to get some kind of canning establishment here, the following clipping from an article on the centralized commercial bodies of Boston will be of interest:

"The Boston Chamber of Commerce is hot after new factories—new industries—with considerable success; but it also has organized a company with \$500,000 available for the development and protection of factories already here. Centralized interests of the city know that a developed home industry is sometimes preferable even to a new one, and the centralized interests here have created the agency to see that good things planted in Boston grow and prosper."

This fits our case so well that further comment is really unnecessary, but it is hoped that the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Commercial club will get real busy and do what this clipping suggests.

Real Estate Transfers

Two good sales of valley property are reported this week by G. Y. Edwards & Co. Frank Menefee, of Portland, purchased the E. C. Chapin ten acres in the Willow Flat district. This tract is a portion of the Noah Bone property and is considered one of the best buys in the valley. The purchase price was \$11,750. Five acres are in eight year old trees and five acres in three year olds. The tract is adjoining another purchased by Mr. Menefee last year and gives him over 75 acres of choice orchard land. The other sale was 20 acres of five year old trees owned by C. S. Mason, and purchased by Frank Cox, of Chicago, who has owned the adjoining 20 acres for several years. Mr. Cox expects to locate in Hood River within the next couple of years.

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GRADUATED SINGLE TAX ABLY DISCUSSED

Charles H. Shields addressed an attentive audience at the Commercial club rooms Friday evening on the question of single tax. His remarks were listened to with considerable interest, and he made clear many things about the proposed graduated single tax measure not generally understood by the public. At the conclusion of his remarks he was asked a number of questions by single tax advocates, which brought out discussions, and while the answers of Mr. Shields did not apparently satisfy them, they were generally satisfactory to the audience.

A. L. Mason was present and stated that he had arranged a joint debate between Mr. Shields and W. S. U'Ren at Pine Grove grange hall some time in October, the exact date to be announced later, when both sides of the question will be discussed.

That graduated single tax and the various single tax measures offered in Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties were nothing more nor less than plain single tax was one of the earliest statements Mr. Shields made. "You will find," he said, "in every communication that Mr. Cridge, one of the Fels paid workers, has sent out, has declared this statement of mine to be groundless. However, I can back it with proof, for not only do the single taxers stand while-headed for Henry George, who declared that the purpose of single tax was the absolute and entire confiscation of land by the state, but I can also prove my statement by W. S. U'Ren's rather needless letter the other day in a letter to the Oregonian he admitted this to be true. This is what U'Ren said:

"The single taxers have presented two single tax measures, one is the local county option law for Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties. The other is the Graduated specific tax exemption amendment."

"This is the first time Mr. U'Ren has ever made such an admission, and while he admits in this letter, every other paid single tax worker says his statement is not true. I leave you gentlemen to judge for yourselves." Mr. Shields first told of his work in Seattle and declared that his private business under single tax would escape paying \$1000 a year in taxes. His was a matter of principle, he said. He had come to Oregon because he had told the Seattle single taxers that he was determined that Oregon should know the truth of the case, and misrepresentations, he contended, were never true.

"Henry George," he went on, in his book 'Progress and Poverty', 33 years ago have the source of single tax, the abolition of private property in land." The speaker gave the history of the single tax movement in Oregon. He told of the \$16,000 spent here two years ago in putting through the tricky home rule measure. "This measure was offered," said Secretary Shields, "because the single taxers saw straight single tax defeated, and it was their idea to get the favor of the small land owner and the small home owner by the exemptions offered in the graduated single tax measure. This is a purely single tax measure. The graduated expression used is just a trick. Single tax is offered to you as a tax reform, as a system of taxation that will relieve all the ills of society. As a matter of fact it is not a system of taxation at all, and far from being a tax reform, it has but one object, that of restoring privately owned land back to the state. 'The taxpayer,' declared Shields, 'should be the man with the ability to pay. The graduated single tax ignores this, and its purpose is to make the man pay who cannot pay. And when he cannot pay, it will confiscate his land to the state. Graduated single tax is not a revenue getter. My single tax friends will tell you it will break up large land holders and thus reduce the price of land."

"This may be true. It may not be true. We can only tell by experience. But, if it be true, the revenue which the single taxers ignore will come from the land owners will then not be forthcoming, for you remember they say large holdings will be broken up. In the meantime you have exempted personal property. Still your taxes must be paid. Who is left to pay them? Just the small lot owner, the small home owner and the small farmer, and when they cannot pay, their land will go to the state."

"The speaker went on to point out how for the reason the single taxers' figures are unreliable for the simple reason that the large revenue exempted from the large land owners would not be forthcoming."

He continued, "All land values under graduated single tax must and will decline in value. The selling value and the rental value will be destroyed. When the full rental value is taken by the state, the state's means to raise the single tax will be gone, for there will be no value on which to place a tax. To you, ladies and gentlemen, it will be a case of pay your taxes or get out."

"Do you want to get out? If so, vote for single tax. U'Ren, of course, promises you that if you don't like the law, you can repeal it. This argument does not appeal to me. Does it appeal to you? Do we want failures? Do we want an era of depression, for that is what declining land values and no market for your land will spell. As land values decline, the mortgagees will foreclose your mortgages. An era of land communism and land socialism will be upon you. In my belief it will be before you ever have the opportunity to repeal the U'Ren single tax measure. No progress was ever made under a law of this kind. No progress will ever be made. Egypt saw a system of land communism and Egypt fell. Greece and Rome fell too in their turn, when they applied the test. Barbarian races everywhere have land communism. Is that what we want? These measures are promised to cure all evils."

"I am not sure whether graduated single tax is promised to cure rheumatism and gout, but I know it is promised to cure crime, want and all social evils. Personally, I doubt this. I never did have faith in quack doctors. 'On the battle of November,' went on the speaker, "you have offered three measures by the State Tax Commission Nos. 304, 306 and 308. These will give you a fractional system of tax reform, and with absolute assurance I leave them to your consideration."

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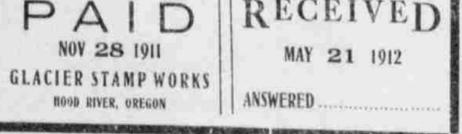
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Open River Company to Continue A circular has been issued by the Open River Transportation Company saying that on account of the numerous petitions received they will continue service until October 31. If this period shows a difference in continuing business they will do so, but otherwise it will have to remain the matter of dollars and cents it was before the petitions were sent in. The Hood River petition to the Portland Chamber of Commerce had 200 names, every merchant in the city having signed it, besides many ranchers who use the boat service.