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ALL KINDS OF BILLS INITIATED

But the Tax Bill Is Not Wanted by the Corporations That Would Pay

Everything Goes, But Save the Corporations.

There has been no fight on the various bills that are being initiated until the farmers' and shippers' tax bill is mentioned.

The bill that takes $25,000 of the people's money to buy an old toll road GETS WITH NO OBJECTION.

The bill to enact woman suffrage comes up with ten thousand signatures at five cents apiece and not a newspaper objects.

The anti-pass bill that will increase the passenger receipts of the railroads about 25 per cent without proposing a lower passenger fares is circulated and each signature is paid for and no one opposes.

All of Mr. U'Ren's propositions, six or seven in number, are being circulated and the work paid for of securing the signatures AND NO ONE MURMURS THE LEAST LITTLE MURMUR.

A bill to amend the local option law has secured nearly ten thousand signatures and no one has peeped thereat. But when it comes to passing a tax bill that will collect a tax on the gross earnings of the corporations, the Portland newspapers turn their columns over to any one to attack the measure. The insurance companies, the express companies and the telegraph companies and the telephone companies are good institutions that must be shielded against the farmers' and shippers' tax bill.

The honest press of Portland can stomach anything that Mr. U'Ren gets up and initiates, and by the way, Mr. U'Ren is quite sure the farmers' and shippers' bill is a bad measure and ought not to pass.

EVERYTHING GOES IN OREGON BUT A BILL TO TAX THE CORPORATIONS. The worst that can be said against the farmers' and shippers' bill is that it is imperfect because the state tax laws are imperfect now.

It cannot be said that the farmers' and shippers' bill would cause a special session of the legislature as the taxation bill passed a few years ago by an Oregon legislature did compel the people to pay for.

With all respect to the critics of the farmers' and shippers' tax bill their objections seem flimsy and far fetched and are calculated to serve the untaxed corporations that seem to dictate too much the policies of Oregon.

Reply to Assessors.

The following interview was given a Portland paper Monday:

"The criticisms of county assessors Sigler of Portland and Strain of Pendleton of the assessment and taxation bill prepared by the Farmers' and shippers' congress disclose ignorance of the existing laws, because the bill re-enacts all the assessment and taxation laws of the state and "all existing amendments thereto" and they have no right to attack the bill for errors that are in the laws as they stand. One of the greatest defects of the existing laws is the office of county assessor itself. It is obsolete and no other state in the union has the system that I have ever heard of. The state laws now require all property to be assessed at its true cash value, yet by their own admission these worthy assessors interpret that to permit them to do as they please. Mr. Sigler under that law trebles values on property in Multnomah county, while other assessors in Oregon, just as competent and just as honest men, reduce values in other counties.

"All of Mr. Sigler's objections to the laws for assessing bank stock lie to the present law which is re-enacted in the farmers' bill. So his objection is to the very system he is working under and which this bill does not change. He says the proposed law would treble the work of his office, because it provides for publication of the tax roll after the assessor has completed the same, by precincts—the law of other states for many years. Surely copying the names and the total of personal real property in two columns one line of type to the name, would not treble the duties of his office. He seems to be a kind of immaculate czar under the present law, a dictator of values, and would not have his prerogative interfered with by publicity. He would have to publish it all, instead of giving to the newspapers only what will make a name for himself.

"But the honorable county assessors object especially to taking away from them the high privilege of fixing the valuations of railroad property. Yet how have they done their work the state over under the law requiring all property in the state to be assessed at its true cash value. Railroad assessment range all the way from $20,000 per mile in Jackson county to $4500 per mile in other counties in the same line of railroad. In Marion county the main line of the S. P. Co. is assessed at $6000 per mile and the branches at $5000 per mile, when the branches hardly average one mixed train a day, while the main line has as heavy traffic as any railroad in the west. Besides being antiquated and obsolete, the present system of county assessors to assess railroad property is a roaring farce, and the wonder is that the gentlemen take themselves seriously.

"What Oregon needs worse than anything else is a rational system of assessing railroad property and to abolish the graft called county assessor. The farmers' bill wisely adopts the Iowa law which, like many other states, takes the job of valuing these immense properties entirely out of the hands of the local officials. When the law is passed prohibiting the issuing of passes to officials maybe these assessor will not clamor so loudly to perform this duty.

"THE FARMERS' AND SHIPPERS' CONGRESS BILL WISELY REFRAINED FROM REPEALING ANYTHING. The re-enact, and enact new and additional sources of revenues for state government. The state tax last year was $6.20 on the thousand dollars assessed value of all property in the state. What is done with the enormous amount of money taken out of the people under this tax? Few people could explain, but this we do know that the high state tax is an obstacle to the rational development of the state. The criticism of the bill because it does not attempt to tax franchises is weak because the state tax commission itself declares that the constitution will have to be amended before franchises can be taxed. With all the bad work of the county assessors working under an obsolete system and the recklessness of the legislature in running up enormous appropriations for the people to pay is it any wonder they are turning to indirect taxation as the only possible relief. The people will find that the Sigler plan of raising values is no solution of the problem. It feeds the tax eater."

With Apologies to the Public.

The Salem correspondent of th eAlbany Argus fails to furnish a page of his usually diverting matter this week, probably too busy in court to write, but that paper has scattered all through it items about the editor of The Journal, that, if true, ought to interest the public:

(From the Albany Argus, January 13.)

Mr. Hofer has made money off Mr. Whitney's incumbency of the state office and he is now, strange to say (?), supporting him for another term.

Talking about political acrobats the other day, one gentleman mentioned Hofer's name, but was immediately rejoined by another: "No, he is not an acrobat—he is a contortionist."

Salem business men are getting more and more disgusted with the way Hofer is using the Development league and the Commercial club for self-aggrandizement and other nefarious purposes.

It is said that the underground revenues of the Salem newspaper blusterer have been cut into to no inconsiderable extent since the shutting down of gambling in the capital city.

It is claimed on good authority that Hofer of the Salem Journal has abandoned Wrightman and made overtures to Claud Gatch, his rivel for the office of secretary of state. Trust a rat to leave a sinking ship.

To judge from the many endorsements that the Argus is receiving from prominent citizens of Woodburn, the postmaster of that enterprising Oregon town, who is being boosted by Hofer for congress, will get slight support in his own community.

Mr. Dunlway is being opposed in this vicinity by the Hofer-Tooze combination, because Mr. Dunlway has for years made war upon the grafters in the Republican party. The lesser lights will follow the Hofer lead same as they advocate and try to imitate the methods followed by that mercenary politicaster.

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