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A GROSS EARNINGS TAX.

The Salem city council should comply with the charter and put a gross earnings tax on all franchisees.

The Willamette Valley Traction Co asks for a franchise on High street. IT SHOULD PAY THE CITY AT LEAST ONE PER CENT TAX.

The United Railways Co. agreed to pay a tax equal to about \$150,000 for a franchise on Front street.

The gross earnings tax of one per cent on the receipts of such a corporation within the city is not too much for the city to ask.

It should be required of all such corporations, and the precedent once established all would pay it.

TO GIVE AWAY THE STREETS WITHOUT ANY COMPENSATION WHATSOEVER, in so large a city as Salem, where the tax would amount to something, is folly.

In small places the gross earnings tax would not amount to enough to make it worth while. But in cities like Salem and Portland it will run up into thousands of dollars of revenue.

POSITIVE REPUBLICANISM.

In an able article on the Republican party, the Oregonian says:

"This contrast holds true from the beginning of the history of the Republican party to the present time. It has always advocated some positive measure or policy, while the Democrats have done nothing more than deny the wisdom of Republican plans."

If the Republican party is not fully in power in Oregon it is because it has not advocated any positive measure or policy of state government.

It allowed reform measures to be forced upon its platform from the outside.

It has taken no positive stand for anything but the tariff in state campaigns.

It has not aggressively fought for state land reforms, nor for state policies to reduce taxes. Is it not time it had a state policy?

The peace conference provided for county and state conventions to ratify the ticket that were never held.

Hence leadership has passed out of its hands and into the hands of progressive independent voters.

DRY FARMING.

Reading of absorbing and vital interest is John L. Cowan's story in the July Century of the marvelous results possible from scientific soil culture in arid regions without irrigation. He gives in detail the facts on which he bases his claim that this new soil culture makes possible the reclamation of 500,000,000 acres of land hitherto held worthless.

What Western people have become accustomed to calling the "Campbell system of dry farming" consists simply in the exercise of intelligence, care, patience and tireless industry. It differs in details from the "good farming" methods practiced and taught at the various agricultural experiment stations; but the underlying principles are the same.

The principles are two in number.

IT WOULD SURPRISE YOU

If you could only know, as we know, how some of the young people and wage earners are getting on in the world since they started a savings account with us. Some who said "I can't lay aside anything, my income will not allow it," are today our most enthusiastic patrons and are looking ahead to those things which can always be secured with a bank account.

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First, to keep the surface of the land under cultivation loose and finely pulverized. This forms a soil mulch that permits the rain and melting snows to percolate readily through to the compacted soil beneath; and that at the same time prevents the moisture stored in the ground from being brought to the surface by capillary attraction, to be absorbed by the hot, dry air. The second is to keep the sub-soil finely pulverized and firmly compacted, increasing its water holding capacity and its capillary attraction, and placing it in the best possible physical condition for the germination of seed and the development of plant roots. The "dry farmer" thus stores water not in dams and artificial reservoirs, but right where it can be reached by the roots of growing crops.

Through these principles a rainfall of 12 inches can be conserved so effectively that it will produce better results than are usually expected of an annual precipitation of twenty-four inches in humid America. The discoverer and demonstrator of these principles deserves to rank among the greatest of national benefactors. He has not merely made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, but he has made it possible to cover with wheat and corn, alfalfa and other useful crops, tons of thousands of square miles of fertile land on which nothing but sagebrush, cacti, Kansas sunflowers and bunch grass are now found.

FRAUD OF FRANCHISE FILCHERS.

(Daily Oregonian.)

The people's friends, the gas grafters of Portland, in the company of other franchise barons, on one side of their face favor public control of the people's utilities, and on the other keep from the public (as long as they can) the means of controlling those utilities.

They frame a charter for the city and withhold from the public the right to regulate the price and quality of gas. They model this charter after that of San Francisco, but leave out the clause, in the organic law of that city, conferring this power.

They also deny to the public the power to regulate street-car fares, when the people's interest, in every large city, needs this right, too.

They capitalize the franchises, thus fortified, at prodigious sums of money, compelling the public to pay interest and dividends not alone on the legitimate value of physical properties, but (and this is far more) and the illegitimate value of watered stock for which they paid nothing—all this at the expense of those who burn gas or ride on street-cars.

The promoters of these schemes to rob the people are among its "best citizens." They are men of "integrity" and "character," "philanthropic," "public-spirited," "progressive" and "highly respected." They stand for purity of life and honest government, and boost along reform of the wicked. The purse-snatcher they help send to jail, but they themselves, who snatch franchises and rob the public, though they break life's first precept, the golden rule, are held righteous.

Mr. J. N. Teal, defender of the gas company before the investigating committee of the city council, was one of the leading framers of the present city charter. He says the people should control the gas service, but the charter he helped to make deprives them of this privilege. He says the gas company is willing to sell to the people. Certainly, but not until paid a graft price, from which Mr. Teal and Mr. C. F. Adams would grab fat rakes-offs, as did the men who grabbed the franchises of the consolidated street-car company sold out to Philadelphia and New York capitalists. No wonder, with such a big steal as this in view, the gas owners would like to "sell out" too.

Mr. A. L. Mills, who was president of the board of charter-makers, no doubt could explain why the charter and franchises deprive the public of the right to regulate street-car fares. As one of the organizers of the present gas company, he might explain how the stock of the company was diluted with water, on which the public is expected to pay "fair" dividends and interest, before it can have lower gas prices.

The tricks of the franchise gang of Portland are coming to light. They have not been understood by the public until the last two or three years. Their doers have used cleverly the means of fraud to gull the people and of hypocrisy to mask the acts. The public people realize that when this gang says it is willing to pass control

of its utilities to the people, it means that the people must pay the demanded price, else keep on paying tribute.

A TRIBUTE TO JUNE.

Why cannot all friends meet in the month of roses and renew the associations of the perfumed time of the year. No month seems to follow us through the rest of the year with such sweet insistence, such fragrant memories, and so much of the delicate aroma of life and the rainbow hues in the air and sky. In this month the earth in Oregon grows warm, the grasses dry and the forests become aromatic. We scarcely know where day ends and night begins. The birds surely forget to discriminate between sunlight and starlight as the proper time for music. The richness and ripeness of midsummer comes over all and into all, and the great wealth of Divine Love seems to pour all over us and over everything until the universe and man are submerged and suspended in an atmosphere of love. What stores of cultivated and wild flowers on every side, on hill and in valley, in forest and on prairie, scattered thickly by every dusty road and garlanding the brooks and rivers, shrubs and trees of blossoms competing in promiscuous volume of flowering beauty with the humbler weeds and common sprawling plants that are little noticed. Even the prosaic industries of man take on beauty and poetry murmurs in the mill wheels, the water powers, the train whistles and the steamboat siren as the white wreaths of steam rise above the green walls of the river forest. The activities of people take on the same holiday air, and people coming and going to labor are all decked with a little bit more color in their clothing, a flash of the eye and a brighter red on the cheek, while the tan of summer comes over the most delicate faces, whether they go purchase it at the seaside or not. The unromantic catch a new gleam of interest in life, some forgotten sense of pleasure creeps back into their being, the lover is more loving, the unloved more hopeful that the prince shall come and scatter flowers in their pathway. Who does not love and bless summer, that comes so gently that we are scarcely aware of her presence before she is upon us and has her arms around about our necks, and we are her captives?

A FINE SONNET.

Following beautiful sonnet appears in the July Century magazine in memory of the late Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts: You of the spirit fresh with Mayflower dew, A Pilgrim Father faithful to the end Stout-hearted foe and truest-hearted friend, Who never trimmed your sails to winds that blew With breathe of popular favor, but fore knew Storm followed sun, and, knowing, did depend On one behind all storm high aid to lead And from Heaven's fount alone your wisdom drew, Farewell! In all these illiterate later days We ill can spare the good gray head that wore The honors of a nation. Fare you well! When Love and Justice climb the starry ways, And Freedom wins the height where angels dwell, They there shall find your presence gone before.

State News

The Eugene local will be extended to Cottage Grove the first of July.

The graduating class of Pacific university this year consists of eight members.

Billy Hayward, the famous U. of O. trainer is to go to the big Notre Dame college next year.

The attorneys of Lane county have formed a county bar association, for the mutual benefit of the members.

William Edris, a pioneer flour mill owner, of Eugene, died in Portland yesterday. He was a prominent member of the Masons.

Miss Frances Gallagher, of Portland, and a student and graduate of the St. Lawrence Academy, won the fine gold medal this year for superior scholarship.

The Palmer Lumber Company is making preparations to build a large saw-mill on the Grand Ronde river, near La Grande, which will be one of the largest in the state.

Smiles

The picnic season has arrived. Democrats will banquet at Portland July 2. Will it be dry?

Some men seem to think it pays to be short-remembered in politics.

Campaign promises are much like last year's birdsnests—nothing in 'em.

Bryan is Bryan still. His mouth has not lost its cunning and it never lets up.

Ten thousand votes sworn in last election! Haven't we a dandy registration law?

Bourne gets a bigger majority than Chamberlain. No one disputes the latter's election.

There have been plenty of cherries, but no moonlight. Please bring those things together hereafter.

Frank Meredith may not be fit for bank examiner, but he is pretty nearly the public accountant of the community.

A St. Louis landlady confesses to killing a boarder. But she does not tell whether she did it with biscuit or with "canned" mince-meat.

A Portland woman soaked herself with kerosene, lit herself and burned like a torch. We have heard of a man soaking and making a torch of himself.

Rev. Brougher threatens to take no vacation, but will rage up and down the coast summer resorts on a lecturing tour. The sinner shall not escape, not even at the seaside.

One of the features in the Salem 4th of July celebration will be a contest among the biggest liars, for which a prize is offered. Albany might enter a few contestants.—Albany Democrat.

But the newspaper men are barred.

Woodburn Independent: The Salem Journal gets off the following truth: "If Bourne and Fulton do not hang together they will hang apart." Why take a column to tell what can be told in two lines? Some editors acknowledge that their readers have sense and possess the embellishing gift.

Here's a little horse sense from the schoolmaster:

Our fathers and mothers laugh while they watch us trying to train their grandchildren.

Here's a cure for many maladies and disappointments—back to work again. Gentlemen who want the earth often get it before they expect it.

A fool will find a flaw in the finest work of art.

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Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous exhaustion or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent, or over-busy doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only symptoms caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, encourages this practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but probably worse, by reason of the delay, wrong treatment and consequent complications. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, directed to the cause would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

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