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EDITORIAL

After several elaborate conferences of the some twenty-five gentlemen who are all regents of the State University and the State Agricultural College it was decided to initiate a bill asking seven-tenths of one mill tax on the assessed valuation for permanent support. Only three gentlemen demurred at this, in the face of the fact that the people have taken referendum on a smaller appropriation, and in spite of the fact that well informed persons generally say the referendum will be sustained. In the conference arranged to consider what to do for these institutions of higher education, there has been no effort to meet the demand of the people that these institutions be put on a more businesslike basis. There has been no effort at trying to bring about any economy, lopp off any unnecessary, cut out any duplication, or any attempt to make those getting professional equipment pay something towards making these schools self-sustaining. The decision to make a permanent tax of seven-tenths of a mill to support them was reached by the silk-stockings, the high-brows, the fat-salaried class who know nothing about the struggles of the taxpayer. The Capital Journal showed the other day that the regents are nearly all salary-drawing gentlemen, and attorneys for the big corporations, some getting five to six thousand a year out of the taxpayers, and getting two or three times as much as corporation attorneys. These men ought to be paying an income tax to the state, instead of meeting to levy larger taxes on the people. Seven-tenths of a mill on the valuation of this state means a round sum of about seven hundred thousand dollars for these two schools. If one per cent of the people of the state attended these two institutions, they should have 7500 students. They have about one-third that number in attendance, and the proposition is to tax the 99 2-3 per cent of the people to benefit one-third of one per cent. The proposition is preposterous, and will never be sanctioned by the people of Oregon. The people of Oregon will loyally and liberally support the cause of higher education. But it will have to be put up to them right and there will have to be some attention paid to business and common sense. There is a small cloud arising about the failure to collect the indirect corporation gross earnings tax enacted by the grangers in 1906. Oregon has been dubbed the fool of the family, and there are some grounds for assuming that the title was a coming. The grangers enacted by the initiative a gross earning tax that went into effect in 1908 and would have produced an enormous revenue without creating any new offices or commissions. For instance, by automatic action of the law the telephone monopoly would have paid \$20,000 a year on an average for the last five years. The express monopoly would have paid in from \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year for the past five years—would have dropped this automatically into the state treasury with the regularity of a coin machine. It is hard to get any of the state house experts to even estimate what the gross earnings tax would have produced in the way of revenues—but a half million annually is one guess. But the fool bill that would have not cost anything for new officials and salaries had to be ditched, and the gang went at it. The people of Oregon have a nice habit of kneeling at the feet of those who kick them and kissing the hand that smites them. In return they got more commissions, higher taxes, and their efforts for relief from tax-gorging are defeated. By sustaining a demurrer in 1909 a learned circuit judge, since rewarded with a high office, decided the gross earnings tax was repealed by implication by the tax code of 1907, and the creation of the tax commission. Under this sweeping decision all action was suspended, and the big interests never paid a dollar of the granger tax. The legal department of the state sustained the state treasurer in not collecting the tax, and did not even appeal the case against the Standard Oil company. In the meantime the supreme court of the United States sustained the granger law as being constitutional. The present state treasurer asked the state tax board to please try to collect the gross earnings back taxes—sums due running into the hundreds of thousands. The legal department of the state again held the law was defective in some way or other, and nothing is being done. The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. has recently paid several years back taxes under the granger law. Kind of them, isn't it, when there is really no effort made to collect the gross earnings tax from anybody.

In the meantime the taxpayer is asked to prepare for another turn of the screws from the taskmasters of Egypt. Is it any wonder that the master of the state grange demurs at the proposition of \$700,000 a year for the two big colleges, who are the beneficiaries of the tax-grafting trust? The courts and the state officials have used all their efforts to establish the gross earnings tax, instead of defeating its operation. They have saved these corporations, at a low estimate, in four years, a million dollars that has had to be dug out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

Just a word about the whole question of who and what causes high taxes? This is not to blame anyone, but to illustrate the system. About fifteen years ago J. M. Poorman went to the legislature from this county. He is a banker at Woodburn, and a very excellent gentleman, but a type of the professional tax-raiser. As a member of the legislature he got the state military code revised, and the annual appropriation increased, and the officers' salaries raised. The fact that he might be one of those officers did not prevent his doing this, although the constitution forbids any member voting to increase his own emoluments. In the fifteen years Citizen Poorman remained an officer of the state militia, and in all that time has drawn money for his services as an officer, and for attending meetings of the military boards. During the past year he has drawn warrants for \$221, and he has rented a room to the national guard for \$240 a year for quarters. The salary of Colonel Poorman, when he is on duty, is \$11.11 a day from the state. It is not known what he draws as an officer from the funds provided by act of congress. The above is only published to show that men go to the legislature, as a rule, not to serve the people, but to make money for themselves. It would be interesting to know how much money a wealthy man like Mr. Poorman has drawn from the public for his services. It is said to be difficult to get young men to serve in the state militia, and there is a reason for it. Mr. Poorman is one of the men who, instead of heaping up new burdens on the people, should be paying an income tax to the state. Unless some of these practices, and those who are working the tax-grafting system on the people, are shown up, how shall the people ever get wise and be able to check the game? The Capital Journal is going to give a lot of information on these lines, as it always has done. In all 171 new subscribers were added to the daily list this week, and we are thinking of buying a new press. If we buy one it will not be with money screwed out of the overburdened taxpayers of Oregon.

CLACKAMAS TO VOTE ON SINGLE TAX

The people of the county of Clackamas are to be given the opportunity of voting on a single tax measure, for W. S. U'Ren yesterday afternoon filed petitions with the secretary of state, asking for the initiation of such a measure in that county. The secretary of state at first declined to file the petition, and the advocates of the measure instituted mandamus proceedings in the circuit court to compel him, and were successful. Besides Clackamas two other counties, according to Mr. U'Ren, will vote on single tax measures this year, and he believes that in all of them they will carry. These other two counties are Multnomah and Coos. \*\*\*\*\* CHURCH SERVICES. \*\*\*\*\* First Methodist. Corner of Church and State streets. Richard N. Avison, D. D., minister. 10:30 a. m., sermon: "Vision and Duty." 8 p. m., sermon: "The Methodist Declaration of Social Justice and the Outlook." 10:15 a. m., morning prayer, leader, Dexter Field. 12 m., class meeting in the audience room, leaders, Mrs. W. L. Cummings and Mr. C. B. Stone. 12 m. Sabbath school in the lecture room. 7 p. m., Epworth League. Topic: "Abstinence the Glory of Manhood." Leader, Norma Harper. Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. Will have preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday, June 2, 1912 at Brother J. B. Ross' rooms in rear of the W. C. T. U. hall. All are invited to come. E. P. Kyle. First Congregational. Corner of Liberty and Center streets. Perry Frederick Schrock,

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