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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH.

In Probate In the Matter of the Guardianship of Alf Bruseth, a minor. No. 2614

Order to Show Cause Nels Bruseth, the general guardian of the person and estate of Alf Bruseth, a minor, having filed herein his verified petition praying for an order of sale of certain real estate of the said minor for the purposes therein set forth, and it appearing that said petition is sufficient and the court being duly advised in the premises, does therefore order that all persons interested in the above entitled guardianship appear before the said Superior Court on Saturday, the 26th day of February, 1916, at 10 a.m., in Department No. 2, thereof, in the City of Everett, Washington, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said Guardian to sell the above-mentioned real estate for the purposes stated in the said petition, at public sale upon notice.

Oregon Initiative Measure

Herewith is a brief of a proposed constitutional amendment that is being petitioned by the Oregon Federation of Labor, bearing the significant and very appropriate title of "The People's Land and Loan Law." This measure is the result of committee work appointed by the central labor council some eighteen months ago to provide relief for unemployment, or rather disemployment in this state. The wording of the measure is quite exhaustive in the delineation of its operation and we give only a brief of its actual working.

It proposes to appraise a land rent by authority of the land board, for tax valuation on all lands in the state, the purpose of estimating land rent values. This valuation is made separate and exclusive of personal property or land improvements. The definition of land, means the earth, including the soil, water, water-power, minerals, stone, natural oils, gases, timber, and all other natural resources before being severed, removed, or withdrawn from their natural position.

The definition of land improvements, which are not liable to a tax, mean buildings, clearings, ditches, drains, orchard trees, crops, of all kinds, fences, and additions made by labor or capital in any natural resources in or under any lot or parcel of land; provided, however, that any municipality, county, or other district having authority to levy assessments for taxes may, by initiative petition at any regular election, assess such personal property and land improvements for said district purposes only.

A further proviso says all land on which the tax rents are not regularly paid shall become the property of the state and if not redeemed shall remain state lands never to be sold;

but the same may be leased for a term of five years, with perpetual right of renewal at five-year or intervening periods thereafter.

A further condition provides that one-third of all land taxes shall be set aside as a home-makers' loan fund for improving state lands for homes. This loan is limited to \$1,500 to any individual and any party whose assessment amounts to \$2,250 shall not be considered eligible to a loan.

This loan is issued in state warrants of 1, 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20-dollar denominations, redeemable in taxes. The loans bear no interest for a period of five years from date of issue, and may have said time exempt from interest extended by law. When any such warrants are paid in and credited on the mortgage loan they are cancelled and not re-issued except by remittance. All improvements made by individuals shall always remain the property of the individual through sale or transfer of the same or by perpetual releasing of the land. No individual will be able to hold unimproved city lots. It will virtually abolish land speculation and exploitation through private ownership. The effect of this measure will be to end land speculation and give it to people who use it by tillage or use it for homes.

The constructive Socialist who does not consider the coming of Socialism to be an event but rather an evolution, can find his immediate ideal in the possibilities of this measure. Its construction is in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of collective ownership demands of the national 1912 platform, which declares for public (state in this case) ownership of lands where practical and for tax rental valuations of other lands. Also

for the national (state, again, in this case) issuance of money. It could not have been better planned had a committee from the Socialist party framed it instead of organized labor. It also presents a great opportunity for Socialist co-operation with organized labor, since they have come to our platform for the principles of their measure.

To this end the state secretary of Oregon has sent copies of the measure (petition) to the S. E. Com. for their approval and advice. It is expected that their favorable reply will work with the labor unions securing names to the petitions.

We may expect this measure to be criticized by those individual members who do much loud talking and resolving and get nowhere with their impossible demands. No Socialist will deny the uselessness of such legislation as this measure provides were the Socialist philosophy universally understood and endorsed by the working class. Indeed, the opportunity for education by working class legislation is the popular Socialist feature of this measure.

It received 48 to 2 of the state convention delegates' votes in adopting it and has the endorsement of U. S. Labor Commissioner Walsh. If 40,000 (one in four of the conservative votes in Oregon) additional votes to the regular radical votes already voting favorably on such measures can be educated to endorse it, the land and loan law amendment will be adopted at the coming election.

For petitions address E. J. Stack, State Secretary of O. F. of L., 301-02 Oregonian Bldg., Portland, Ore. C. W. BARZEE, 68 E. 30th St., Portland, Ore.

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LOCAL ARLINGTON meets every Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Labor Temple. Homer Caswell, rec. sec.

FREE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHWEST WORKER Address all questions to Attorney Peter Husby, 215 Stokes Bldg., Everett, Wash.

Editor's Note: Free legal advice on any subject is given in this column to Northwest Worker subscribers. Are not fifty-two copies of this paper and a legal adviser for a year worth \$1.00? Tell your neighbors about this great offer.

Q. Please answer this in the Northwest Worker: I have been paying taxes on more land than I ought to. I gave a deed to a small strip of land to a neighbor. I do not know if he recorded the deed or not. Anyway, the land is still taxed against me and I have continued to pay the taxes on it, as it was included in the whole tax. Now, can I get a refund from the county of the taxes paid on this strip that does not belong to me? H. D.

A. Until the deed you gave is filed the county officials can not do other-wise than tax the land to you, as they have no other way of knowing who owns land than by the transfers filed. It is a well-established rule that mon-ey voluntarily paid on account of taxes cannot be recovered. Money paid for taxes can only be recovered when paid under protest. However, you can recover from the party who owns the strip of land, proportionately.

Taken by one and large this country has had but one President who received the unqualified approval of Colonel Roosevelt.—Baraboo News.

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"And now, do you belong to any society or organization inimical to the government of the United States?"

This was too much for the man, and he was silent. Judge Dyer explained the meaning and again asked the question. A gleam of understanding overspread the face of the man, and he replied:

"Yes, Judge, I'm a Democrat."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

THE MODERN DICTIONARY

Alienist—An accessory after the fact.

Business—Business.

Congressman—A victim of injustice; one who is compelled to pay ten cents per mile for transportation and to carry a pass as well.

Fool—One who talks about things we do not understand.

Hereditic—The strength of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Insurgent (colloquial)—One who wants a tyrant downed so that he can sneak into the tyrant's place.

Justice (obsolete)—Real meaning unknown or conjectural. Supposed to have existed in the planet Uranus in the year 41144 B. C.

Lunatic—One who votes for that which he does not want in order not to lose his vote.

Model Employee—One who works himself to death in order to live.

Optimist—(1) One who has plenty of this world's goods and no reason to kick; (2) one who is too ignorant to kick.

Philanthropist—A hold-up man who gives you back a nickel for care.

Sex—That which helps to determine the rights of a human being.

Help us make a sledge-hammer blow at the system next year by wiping out the deficit on the paper right away.

Statistics showing that the morals of New York have improved probably mean that out-of-town visitors are being made to behave themselves better.—Boston Transcript.

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HOW MUCH OF "OUR COUNTRY" REALLY BELONGS TO THE WORKERS

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These figures indicate that:

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500 people possess incomes of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

10,000 people possess incomes of \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

21,000 people possess incomes of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

75,000 people possess incomes of \$20,000 to \$30,000.

200,000 people possess incomes of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

While 500,000 people possess incomes of \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Also and likewise 18,341,380 persons, or three-fourths of the wage-earning population, earn an income averaging \$480 a year.

There, wage-earner, are the facts. Do your own figuring and draw your own conclusions. Is it any surprise to hear that two-fifths of the men in the United States are not married because they do not make enough to support a family? The answer to this is so easy that we will not give it to you.—Exchange.

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GERMER'S PROPOSAL

"Briefly stated, I am opposed to what is euphoniously called 'Preparedness.' There is far less danger of an invasion by a foreign foe than by the American Plunderbund. We should oppose everything that smacks of militarism. Teach the art of Peace rather than the 'art' of War. But if the people INSIST that there MUST be a military organization, then: First, let every able-bodied man between 18 and 45 get one month's training each year with full pay by his employer. Second, democratic selection of all officers. Third, each such soldier to retain his fire-arm with at least 200 rounds of ammunition, furnished by the government, in his home. Fourth, the government to make all munitions. Fifth, no part of the military force to be called into service by the government during strikes nor aggressive wars against other nations. Sixth, this military arrangement shall displace all present military forces."

RIGHT OF WAY FOR COMRADE LOCKWOOD

The train that Comrade Lockwood was traveling on last week got stalled in the snow. It looked like an all night stop so Comrade Lockwood climbed into the cab of the engine and persuaded the engineer and fireman to take her to the next town where she was to lecture.

First Recruit: "What do you think of the major, Bill?"

Second Recruit: "E's a changeable kind o' bloke. Last night I says to 'im, 'Oo goes there?' An' he says, 'Friend!'; an' today 'e 'ardly knows me."—Punch.

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