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OREGON'S OPPORTUNITY.

Taxes collected during 1913 from the American people amounted to \$22 per capita or \$110 per average family. The amounts are:

Federal taxes	\$664,000,000
State taxes	307,000,000
County taxes	310,000,000
Municipal taxes	850,000,000

Total \$2,130,000,000

Assuming that Oregon paid its share of Federal taxes in one form or another, indirect and direct of \$6.46 per capita, or \$32.30 per average family, the tax burden carried in this state for all purposes amounted to \$34 per capita or \$170 per family.—The Oregon Voter (Portland), July 29.

In addition to this \$2,130,000,000 tax burden the people paid about \$3,000,000,000 in ground rent to private land owners. If this ground rent were taken for public purposes the \$2,130,000,000 of taxes could be abolished. Oregon voters will have a chance to do that this fall, as far as their own State is concerned, by voting for the pending Land and Loan Amendment, initiated by the labor organizations.

This amendment provides for taking the entire rental value of land for public use and for abolition of taxes on labor.

The Oregon voter is opposed to the proposition but has furnished a solid reason for voting for it nevertheless.

