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Vote "No" On First Measure.

THE first or lead-off measure on

the November ballot, represents

the last act in what has come to

be a tangled mass of legisla-

tion regarding Oregon old age

pensions, or old age assistance as

the legislators choose to call it.

The heading on this ballot measure

reads: "Bill Amending Old Age

Assistance Act of 1935." It is on

the ballot as the result of a

referendum ordered by petition of

the people. The petition referring

this law, which was passed by the

special session of the legislature

in December, 1935, was the first

petition filed. It was filed only a

short time after the law was

passed by the special session.

The first Oregon old age pension

law was passed in 1933. In 1935,

the regular legislative session passed

a new pension law intended to

conform with pending federal legis-

lation. This act provided that old

age assistance be financed by the

federal government paying half,

the state paying a quarter and the

counties paying a quarter. It was

declared to be in operation only

upon federal funds becoming avail-

able. This law carried an appro-

priation of \$1,000,000 to meet the

state's share of the cost. County

old age pension levies were to

care for the share from the coun-

ties.

Then came the special session of

the legislature near the end of the

year 1935 and passed the old age

assistance act amendments which

we must vote on at the forthcom-

ing election.

The special session amendments

transferred the \$1,000,000 appro-

priation to relief, transferred the

county old age pension levies also

to relief, and left the pension law

all set to match federal old age

assistance funds on a 50-50 basis—

but did not provide a cent of

money to do it with. That is the

law we are now asked to pass or

reject.

No sooner had the special ses-

sion adjourned than referendum

petitions appeared, enough signers

secured to place it on the ballot,

and it was filed. This had the ef-

fect of making the law inoperative

until voted upon. Hence the origi-

nal 1935 regular session law was

in force—in force, that is, when

federal funds became available.

The relief committee and the

governor succeeded in getting

federal old age assistance funds al-

located to Oregon to match the

funds provided by the state and

counties and old age assistance

was carried on, is still being

carried on, and will be carried on

under the present plan well into

next year—at least until after the

1937 session of the legislature has

had a chance to create such new

legislation as may be needed.

It is therefore obvious that the

bill which is referred to the vote

of the people at the coming elec-

tion is wholly superfluous and un-

necessary and should be wiped off

the books with a vote of NO.

But the title of the measure on

the ballot is misleading. It reads

as though a very desirable old age

assistance program is to be cre-

ated by its passage. That is not

true. If the people vote "yes" on

the bill the effect will be to more

than double the cost of old age

assistance because of the lower

age limit and at the same time all

state and county funds for old age

assistance will be withdrawn.

At the present time 300 old peo-

ple in Douglas county are receiving

monthly payments averaging

\$18.25 per month, half of which is

paid by the federal government,

one-fourth by the state and only

one-fourth by the county. It is a

reasonable setup.

Let's kill this ballot measure

which would complicate, if not ac-

tually destroy, the present meas-

plan of old age assistance. Vote

"NO"—It is the first measure on

the ballot.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

Russia decides that it is better to

fight now, before her enemies gang

up too much on her, than to wait

until she is better prepared, war

might come in Europe.

That is why her demand for the

blockade of Portugal has tighten-

ed the tension.

THERE has been much stirring

of class hatred in Europe, based

upon setting the have-nots

against the haves. The final re-

sult HASN'T BEEN BETTER-

MENT of the have-nots' condition.

All that has come of it has been

alignment of all Europe in oppos-

ing embattled camps, with com-

munist on one side and fascist on

the other. Both sides are fling

their guns and waiting for the

time. It and when "the time"

comes, it will be the poor devil

of have-nots who will do the fight-

ing and the dying.

That is what comes of following

false leadership.

LONDON

By Ralph E. Morrison

THE BUSINESS MAN

Money and the making of money

for the sake of making money

have never been a major aim in

Landon's life. He has succeeded as

an oil producer. In his business,

he eventually took the leadership

for mutual protective measures

among the independent oil produc-

ers. These oil producers had to

sell their oil to the larger oil com-

panies who owned the pipe lines,

the refineries and the outlets in

the filling stations all over the

continent and who sold oil in the

foreign markets. The big oil com-

panies naturally filled their tanks

when the price of crude oil was

low and held it for a rise and made

their market. They were not above

beating down the price when they

found their tanks growing empty

and the independent oil producers

were pretty much at their mercy.

A low price for oil was reached

after the collapse of the stock

boom, and the big companies de-

clined that in the interest of econ-

omy and industry, they would re-

fuse to take oil from shallow wells

with low productions. The oil

magnates served notice to that ef-

fect. The independent group or-

ganized. Landon was one of the

leaders. They fought. How the

independents won is a long story.

But this episode again reveals

Landon, a leader. He was big en-

ough to make terms with the lead-

ers. But he stayed with the inde-

pendents, fought, and fighting,

won.

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NEWS-REVIEW

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—The Editor Views the

News.

4:15—The Ranch Boys.

4:30—The Grab Bag Program.

5:30—Sign Off.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Morning Hours

6:45—Early Birds.

7:00—Alarm Clock Club.

7:30—News-Review News Broad-

cast.

7:45—Alarm Clock Club Cont'd.

8:30—Four Square Gospel Church.

8:45—Sacred Selections.

9:00—Canyonville Community

Program.

9:30—George Thill.

9:45—Songs Seldom Heard.

10:00—Songs Band.

10:15—Morton Downey.

10:30—Hille & Martha.

10:35—Charles Vanabond and His

Orchestra.

11:00—Jesse Crawford at the Or-

gan.

11:20—Modern Melodies.

Afternoon Hours

12:15—Radio Music Store After-

noon Concert.

12:30—Hansen Motor Co. Variety

Program.

12:45—News-Review News Broad-

cast.

1:00—Dorsey Bros. Orchestra.

1:20—Dean Rhodes "The Rhythm

Man."

1:45—Close Harmony Four.

2:00—Viking Accordion Band.

2:15—Associated Sportsman, 11th

to vs. Oregon.

2:15—Popular Dance Time.

2:30—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning Hours

8:30—Sacred Selections.

8:45—Bach Chorale Selections.

9:00—Jehovah's Witnesses—Pres-

ent Judge Rutherford

Program Dedicated to Vet-

erans Facility.

9:30—Old Time Fiddling with Er-

nie Crane.

10:00—Sunday Request Program.

11:00—Baptist Church Services.

Afternoon Hours

12:00—Excerpts from Bach.

12:15—Wanda Armet at the Or-

gan.

1:00—Paul Whiteman and His

Orchestra.

1:15—Sandra Manning, Rev. Peter

1936.

1:30—Music Appreciation Hour.

2:00—Hansen Motor Co. Program.

2:15—Marimba Selections.

2:30—Ed Bright and His Holy

Waltzes.

3:00—Green Rose Zener.

3:15—Arthur Pryor's Band.

3:30—Concert Arrangements.

4:00—Popular Dance Time.

4:30—Sign Off.

The Flag and the Flagpole!



VIOLENCE FLARES IN LETTUCE STRIKE

SALINAS, Calif., Oct. 15.—(AP)—

Violence broke out again today

in the lettuce workers strike and

police fired between 40 and 50

shots to drive back 400 pickets

from a barricaded shed.