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The Power Bills.

THE THREE measures on the ballot that have not yet been discussed in this column are three measures sponsored and valiantly fought for by the Oregon State Grange.

Today's discussion may as well deal with two measures since they are companions and have to do with the same subject. They are the power measures. The sixth measure on the ballot has this title: "State Power Bill." The title is simple and direct but the proposed legislation is not so simple.

A bit of history is necessary to the proper understanding of the aims of the present proposal. At the 1932 general election the people adopted what is now Article 11-D of the Oregon constitution providing constitutional authority for the state to go into the power business. The amendment did not set up the method or procedure, merely providing permission for legislation creating a state power business.

In 1933 the regular session of the legislature passed a bill providing the necessary legal machinery to put the state in the power business. The referendum was invoked against this legislation and in the general election of 1934 the people rejected the state power bill.

The 1935 session of the legislature passed a power bill of sorts but it was vetoed by the governor. That bill was linked up with the words "rural electrification" which was much under discussion at the time. The governor's veto message, however, equated that particular legislation so that it did not reappear at the special session. A bill similar to the proposition now on the ballot was considered by the legislature but failed to pass.

There are many possibilities for argument against the grange proposal. This newspaper chooses to present its views on the broad fundamental that it believes there is already too much government. There is already too much government in business and already too many bureaus, commissions and committees "coasting taxpayer money and furnishing services which might easily be dispensed with.

To further complicate the state government by voting to put it in to the power business seems unwise. Everybody's business is truly nobody's business. The idealistic view that the "people" will own and operate the power business if this measure is passed is fiction. The politicians will run the power business.

The production and distribution of electric energy is a manufacturing and retailing business. Under political operation the handling of such a business in a political rather than in an efficient way could not be avoided. The aim would be to get voters and retain political power, rather than to promote efficiency. Roads and schools are examples of public political management. We see roads built for no other good reason than that political pressure demanded them.

We saw our state normal school system decentralized and scattered over the state because of political pressure. We saw two highways built across the Cascades within a few miles of one another—the Cascade highway and the McKenna highway, because of political pressure from the Willamette valley. There is no other crossing of the mountains for a distance of nearly 200 miles.

State controlled power will surely suffer the same fate. Holding to the principle that government should confine itself to the job of providing the normal functions of government and nothing more, this

newspaper believes the state power measure should be voted down. The seventh measure on the ballot entitled "State Hydroelectric Temporary Administrative Board Constitutional Amendment," merely provides that the state board of control shall serve as the administrative body for the power operations until a board as provided in the power bill can be elected, should the power bill pass at this election. If the power bill passes and this amendment is voted down the only effect would be a delay in getting the state power business into operation.

The two power bills on the ballot are companions and the decision regarding one of them should be applied to both.

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REMAINING HOURS TODAY
 4:00—The Editor Views the News
 4:15—Hovans the Operatic Tenor.
 4:30—The Grab Bag Program.
 5:30—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
Morning Hours
 6:45—Early Birds.
 7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
 7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.
 7:45—Alarm Clock Club Cont'd.
 8:30—Viking Accordion Band.
 8:45—Sacred Selections.
 9:00—Jack Demarshant.
 9:15—Municipal Dance Band.
 9:30—Morning Musicals.
 10:00—The Singing Troubadour.
 10:15—Italian Band.
 10:30—Belle & Martha.
 10:35—Women's Exchange.
 11:00—The Southern Oregon Gas Company Presents the Mystery Chief.
 11:15—Popular Stars.
Afternoon Hours
 12:15—Radio Music Store Afternoon Concert.
 12:30—The Violet's Musical Moments.
 12:45—News-Review News Broadcast.

1:00—Saw Turns.
1:15—Louis Katzman and His Orchestra.
1:30—Remembering With Dean Rhodes.
1:45—Frank Luther Trio.
2:00—Richard Crooks.
2:15—Clark Wilson's United Artists.
2:30—Victor Young and His Orchestra.
3:00—The World Book Man.
3:15—Airs From the Operas.
3:30—Children's Request Program.
3:45—Duke Ellington and His Harlem Heats.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Canyonville Community Program.
4:45—The Grab Bag Program.
5:30—Sign Off.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
Morning Hours
 6:45—Early Birds.
 7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
 7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.
 7:45—Good Morning, J. M. Judd.
 8:00—Down Memory Lane.
 8:30—Law White at the Organ.
 8:45—Max Bendix Ensemble.
 9:00—Oakland Community Program.
 9:30—Hawaiian Melodies.
 10:00—Victor Young and His Orchestra.
 10:30—Belle and Martha.
 10:35—Women's Exchange.
 11:00—Haylin's Masterworks.
 11:30—Hits From the Shows.
Afternoon Hours
 12:00—Patsy Montana.
 12:15—Real Americans.
 12:30—Ransom Motor Co. Musical Variety Program.
 12:45—News-Review News Broadcast.
1:00—Myrtle Creek Community Program.
1:30—Dean Rhodes' "The Rhythm Man."
1:45—Soneterra.
2:00—Golden Voices.
2:15—Spanish Rhythm.
2:30—The World Book Man.
3:10—Mills Bros.
3:30—Children's Request Program.
3:45—Vincent Lopez and His Orchestra.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Violin Selections.
4:30—The Grab Bag Program.
5:30—Sign Off.

WOMEN TO CONTEST FOR TREASURER JOB

THE BALLES, Oct. 21—(AP)—Only one contest will appear on the city ballot at the November election here—the office of city treasurer. Mrs. Pearl Froelove, Mrs. Ina S. Miller and Mrs. Mabel C. Ellis, the incumbents, seek it. Mayor H. E. Willerton was asked.

Daily Devotions DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

Homaging one's father and mother is a virtue that will never grow old. It may seem like an old-fashioned virtue in these days, but it is still a very excellent one and not to be despised. The Jewish people made much of this virtue in the old days, and still do, and the very fact that they did has had its effect in keeping them a strong and compact and virtuous people throughout the centuries. We bless Thee, O God, for the great institution of the family, and for what it has meant to Christian civilization through all the years. Grant unto us special wisdom that we may fully appreciate the blessings of fathers and mothers. Amen.



PRESBYTERY TO ACT IN SCHISM AT BEND

SALEM, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A moderator will be appointed pending the selection of a pastor for the First Presbyterian church of Bend at the meeting of the Oregon Presbytery at Eugene next Monday afternoon, Dr. Grover C. Birtchet of Salem, chairman of the Willamette Presbytery for foreign missions, predicted here today.

Dr. Birtchet said the meeting at Eugene was called for the purpose of installing Dr. Norman K. Tully as pastor there, but since the division of the Bend church that matter likewise will be taken up. The naming of a moderator appears the only step that can be taken at this time for the parent church, he said.

The pastorate of the Bend church undoubtedly will be declared vacant since the resignation of Dr. Tully. He is pastor of the Salem church leader, said. "I understand that less than one third of the congregation seceded with Tully to organize under the newly formed Presbyterian church of America," Birtchet said.

'RICH' BOOTLEGGER QUILTS PEN, 'BROKE'

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Joe Parente, who during prohibition days admitted he was "San Francisco's wealthiest bootlegger," finished a government jail term today—broke.

"I'm broke and almost glad that I am—there is no money in the tin business and I'm going back to tailoring again," Parente told Probation Officer Charles Upton as he accepted the \$10 given federal prisoners released from prison.

GRANGES TO HEAR ISSUES DISCUSSED

Glendale Grange is sponsoring a community meeting Saturday, October 24, at 8 o'clock, at the grange hall for the purpose of discussing the measures appearing on the ballot at the November election. There will be special music and community singing led by Fred A. Goff. The meeting is open to the general public and the grange is urging all voters in the community to be present. Those attending are asked to bring cake or sand-wiches.

THE BIG FOUR
 A Mystery-Romance by Agatha Christie

CHAPTER IX
 "The murderer was I should fancy, a youngish man," said Poirot. "He drove up to Granite Bungalow in a trap, which he left outside. He went in, committed the murder, came out, and drove away again. He was bare-headed, and his clothing was slightly blood-stained."
 "But—but the whole village would have seen him!"
 "Not under certain circumstances."
 "Not if it was dark, perhaps; but the crime was committed in broad daylight."
 Poirot merely smiled.
 "And the horse and trap, sir—how could you tell that? Any amount of wheeled vehicles have passed along outside. There's no mark of one in particular to be seen."
 "Not with the eyes of the body, perhaps; but with the eyes of the mind, yes."
 The inspector touched his forehead significantly with a grin at me. I was utterly bewildered, but I had faith in Poirot. Further discussion ended in our all driving back to Moreton with the inspector. Poirot and I were taken to Grant, but a constable was to be present during the interview. Poirot went straight to the point.
 "Grant, I know you to be innocent of this crime. Relate to me in your own words exactly what happened."
 The prisoner was a man of medium height, with a somewhat unpleasant cast of features. He looked a jail-bird if ever a man did.
 "Honest to God, I never did it," he whined. "Some one put those little glass figures amongst my traps. It was a frame-up, that's what it was. I went straight to my rooms when I came in like I said. I never knew a thing till Betty screeched out. She told me, God I didn't!"
 Poirot rose.
 "If you can't tell me the truth, that is the end of it."
 "But, sir—"
 "You did go into the room—you did know your master was dead, and you were just preparing to make a bolt of it when the good Betty made her terrible discovery."
 The man started at Poirot with a dropped jaw.
 "Come now, is it not so? I tell you solemnly—on my word of honor—that to be frank now is your only chance."
 "I'll risk it," said the man suddenly. "It was just as you say. I came in, and went straight to the master—and there he was, dead on the floor and blood all round. Then I got the wind up proper. They'd ferret out my record, and for a certainty they'd say it was me as had done him in. My only thought was to get away—at once—before he was found!"
 "And the jade figures?"
 The man hesitated.
 "You see—"
 "You took them by a kind of reversion to instinct, as it were? You had heard your master say that they were valuable, and you felt you might as well go the whole hog. That I understand. Now, answer me this. Was it the second time that you went into the room that you took the figures?"
 "I didn't go in a second time. Owen was enough for me."
 "You are sure of that?"
 "Absolutely certain."
 "Good. Now, when did you come out of prison?"

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the old man with a blow, and then cuts his throat. Then he returns to the kitchen, removes the boots, puts on another pair, and carrying the first pair, goes out to his trap and drives off again."
 "There's a catch in it still. Why did nobody see him?"
 "Ah! That is where the cleverness of Number Four, I am convinced, comes in. Everybody saw him—and yet nobody saw him. You see he drove up in a butcher's cart!"
 I uttered an exclamation.
 "The leg of mutton?"
 "Exactly. Hastings the leg of mutton. Everybody swore that no one had been to Granite Bungalow that morning, but, nevertheless, I found in the larder a leg of mutton, still frozen. It was Monday, so the meat must have been delivered that morning; for if on Saturday, in this hot weather, it would not have remained frozen over Sunday. So some one had been to the bungalow and a man on whom a trace of blood here and there would attract no attention."
 "Dammed ingenious!" cried Ingle approvingly.
 "Yes, he is clever, Number Four."
 "As clever as Hercule Poirot?" I murmured.
 My friend threw me a glance of dignified reproach.
 "There are some jests that you should not permit yourself, Hastings," he said sententiously. "Have I not saved an innocent man from being sent to the gallows? That is enough for one day."
 (To be continued)

LOGGING TRACTOR DAMAGED BY FIRE

GLENDALE, Oct. 21.—Tuesday afternoon a logging truck owned by "Red" Hensley and driven by Curtis Hensley was slightly damaged by fire. A can of gasoline carried in the cab for a case of emergency leaked down on the exhaust pipe and caught fire. Only the fire of the truck was damaged, as the fire was quickly subdued with chemicals.

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LANDON
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 ON DEBTS AND TAXES
 Governor Landon said recently: "We must remember that every time the government spends a dollar, that dollar will have to be paid by us or we must pass the debt on to be paid by our children. No parents like to leave their children a heritage of debts and mortgages. The present administration's daily mounting deficits are closing the door of opportunity to your children and my children. We must not lose sight of the fact that a public debt is just as much of a liability to each and every individual as a private debt. It has always been my belief that the government should raise the major portion of its revenue from direct taxes levied on the net incomes of individuals and corporations. When this is done, everyone pays his fair share and knows just how much the government is costing him. On the other hand, if the major portion of the government's income is obtained from indirect and hidden taxes—taxes upon such things as food, clothing, gasoline and cigarettes—then the main burden falls upon those of small income and the cost of government is hidden. In this case, it is the wage earner, the salaried worker, the farmer, and the small business man, who have to pay most of the bill."
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