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## BALLOT MEASURES

Charles V. Stanton

Two measures appearing on the Nov. 4 ballot may seem confusing to voters, inasmuch as both pertain to property taxes.

One is a proposed constitutional amendment to the six per cent limitation law. The other is a proposal to place a six-mill limit on property taxes. With one measure dealing with six mills and the other with six per cent, voters, unless they inform themselves concerning the two issues, might become confused.

Oregon's six per cent limitation law has been a good law. Passed in 1914, it provided that taxing units could not add more than six per cent, in dollars, annually to their budgets. We say this has been a good law. It was good so long as conditions were comparatively static. It has proven a decided handicap to growing communities.

It has forced every growing city, school district and other taxing unit to hold annual elections to authorize budgets in excess of legal limits. We have so many municipal and school elections that people have become exhausted and stay away from all elections, thus doing great damage to government at all levels.

### New Tax Base Permitted

The proposal coming before voters would not abolish the six per cent limitation. It would, however, permit establishment of new tax bases. Before a new tax base could be established, approval would be required from voters within the municipality, school district or special district. After this new base was fixed, the six per cent limitation would become effective at the new level.

In districts that have grown rapidly, causing assessed valuations to greatly exceed the rate of increase in legal tax levy, it would be possible, with approval of the voters, to set up a more realistic balance and thus eliminate the necessity of trotting to the polls several times each year to grant special tax authorization.

The proposal also would permit establishment of a new tax base where territory is annexed, a contingency not provided for in the existing act.

No arguments have been advanced in opposition to the measure, which has endorsements from nearly all taxpayer organizations.

### LIMITING STATE PROPERTY TAX

The other tax proposal would provide that the State of Oregon could not levy taxes on real property in an amount greater than six mills, except for bonded principal and interest.

Under our current system, state taxes are levied against property but are offset by income and excise tax revenue. The state has not collected a property tax since 1940, having had enough money from other sources to offset all charges against property.

In many states the right of the state government to tax real property has been withdrawn, leaving real property taxes as a source of revenue to local governments. The Oregon Legislature could not agree to a law denying the State access to real property taxes but did compromise on a maximum of six mills.

As long as income and excise tax receipts remain high, no tax on real property is anticipated. If, however, all taxes now charged against real property were to be collected, they would total approximately \$41 million, or more than 25 mills.

Some property owners feel they should have protection against possibility of such a confiscatory load falling upon them.

It is argued against the measure that it would impose a financial strait jacket which might seriously impair the State's financial program. The Oregon State Federation of Labor says, in opposition to the bill, that "if there is imperative need for more revenue than is being received, all sources should be relied upon, with equity between classes of taxpayers in bearing the load."

But proponents, in answer to the negative arguments, point out that the measure is not an amendment and, therefore, can be changed by legislative act in event of emergency. It simply would limit taxing bodies by policy, requiring affirmative legislation to increase levies on property. With regard to the AFL argument, proponents say that Labor has consistently fought income and sales taxes, endeavoring to keep the tax load on real property so far as possible.



**Scrap Mending Basket**  
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"What will you major in?" I asked a young neighbor who is still in high school, but is planning on college. Her answer surprised me.

"Oh, I'm planning on going to Washington State," she said, "and work for a Bachelor of Arts degree in police science work. . . . She laughed at my expression of surprise.

"How in the world did you come to decide on that?" I asked. "The son of some friends took the course and thought it, at the end of his work, just as fascinating as he had expected. But he—well, he was a man!"

"Oh they offer the course to girls, too. I'll show you the circular." Sure enough the WSC advertisement displayed pictures of women bending over microscopes, and in the text I read:

"There is an expanding need for trained young women in the police field today. The work is fascinating and offers professional opportunities for a career of achievement and distinction. Of particular significance is the shift in police emphasis to prevention as a major approach in the control of delinquency and crime. This phase

of the Department's training program is attracting an increasing number of women to police courses at Washington State College."

WSC is, of course, in Pullman, Wash.

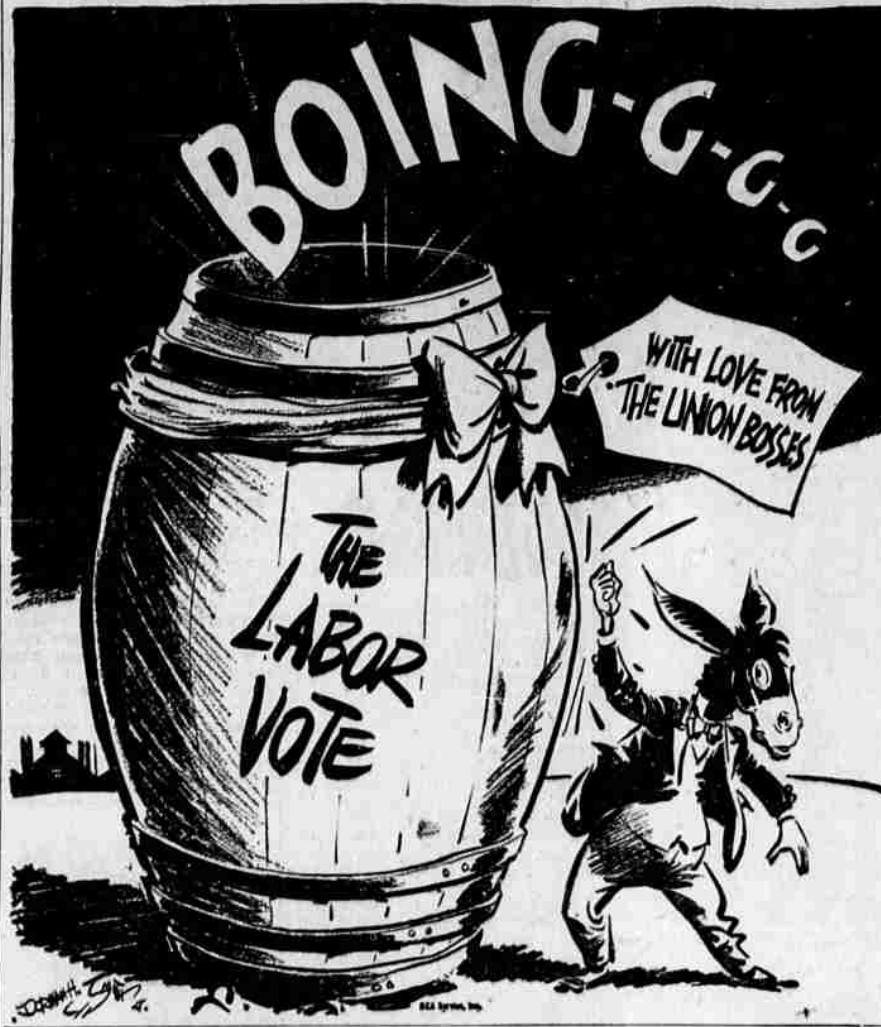
"Love and learn," I remarked to Donna. "I try to learn something new each day and this is something new all right to me as a career for girls. Though why it should surprise me, I don't know. Women are going into so many fields . . . they are noted for their patience and meticulous attention to detail work. I don't see why laboratory work wouldn't offer a career."

"I'm going in for the juvenile delinquency work," said the teenager, seriously. "I think there's a big field there, and a great need for women to work in it."

I read the circular, noted "minimal annual costs for all fees and tuition at WSC approximate \$150. Expenses of a year at WSC including room and board and personal expenses, ranges between \$850, and \$1050. Students can meet some expenses through part-time jobs."

Said Donna, "That's a lot less than some colleges these days. And the police science course is the only one on the West Coast."

## Sounds Sort of Hollow, Doesn't It?



## Reader Opinions

### Conditions In Foreign Lands Demand Leaders For World Peace Effort

ROSEBURG — Shouting accusations, recrimination and thoughtless, selfish statements seems to be the order of the day.

During the last war I traveled over the European and Pacific theaters, spending more than a year in Korea, attached to General Hodges' staff. It was my good fortune to know many of his staff officers as well as military government officers. Without exception (and some of those officers live here now) everyone expressed the same opinion that when U.S. troops were pulled out of Korea the Communists would come down within a year and take over. This was common knowledge. Certainly the present commander-in-chief could not have been ignorant of this situation.

Had we continued maintenance of 20,000 troops there indefinitely, with all the masses of armament and materiel stored there, instead of pulling all this out and leaving the South Korean constabulary nothing, this bloody, costly fiasco could have been prevented. Now our casualties outnumber this figure at least six to one, with death and prisoner toll above that.

Could this terrible death toll have been prevented? Was this situation knowingly developed to bolster our slumping economy, so evident in 1950?

Add to the slaughter of our people at least ten million Korean casualties. Sure they have different customs, different dress and yellow skins, but they are as human as you or I, attempting a pitiable survival in a devastated country.

Let's go back to a time before the last war. We in the Pacific Coast area saw truckload after truckload of scrap iron taken to the seaports. When protest was made, we were advised it was none of our business, that it didn't concern us. Certainly it was shipped from our seaports with full knowledge of our protective power in Washington. Hence we were making it possible for the Japs to slaughter the Chinese, the very people to whom we were sending millions of dollars to help forestall Communism. The greatest pity, of course, was that so much of this scrap iron was returned to our shores again in the bodies of many thousands of young Americans, the flower of our youth.

Yet we are being plagued to continue the worship of the God of materialism — the Almighty Dollar. How many of our voters will look ahead in the coming election to what the results will be 25 years from now? It certainly behooves parents or prospective parents about to vote to consider the future of their children. Materialism alone is not sufficient. If money could have won the last war, it would have been over within six months. Are we to be led blindly, squaring our debts and stupid blunders with the blood of our youth? This will surely follow if we continue knowingly the policies shouted from the campaign train platform by the man who encouraged poor statesmanship, who shut his eyes to Communism and corruption.

We yearn for a true peace in all our hearts — a peace wherein we may again adjust to true living, even though it may mean material sacrifices, less of the things which go to make up this gadget age. Mothers working, neglecting their children — juvenile delinquency continually rising. Why? So we can accumulate more gadgets, bigger and better than those of the Joneses.

Instead of words, listen to the eyewitness stories of the men who were there. Wherever I went through Europe in 1944-45 — France, Belgium,

Holland, Luxembourg, Germany, Czechoslovakia — lines of refugees bordered the roads, as armies pushed forward devastating their homes. All they owned now was packed on wheelbarrows, baby carriages, pushcarts — their life possessions. All had the earmarks of a splendid life, good breeding, etc. But the light in their eyes showed regret at worshipping at the altar of materialism. In their conversation — admissions always that they chose the wrong leaders — they prayed their future would be different. Do we wish to see the same pattern on Highway 99?

No. Then we should measure the candidates we choose by the only standard that can be right.

Look at the 15th Psalm, known as the Gentleman's Psalm. It is in praise of the upright man. His marks are incorruptibility and truthfulness. He will not trick anyone for the sake of gain, nor do anything to injure another. He has no self-conceit and gladly pays reverence to goodness when he sees it. When he makes a bargain or a promise, he always keeps his word, even if he finds it will be to his disadvantage to keep it. Not only that, he never enters into a contract that takes unfair advantage of the other party. Nor does he "feather his nest" at another man's expense. He is, in short, a man whom his neighbors can trust.

There is the basis for reflection and determination in marking a ballot to provide in our time peace over the world — a measure of happiness for all peoples.

Your cross by the name of the man who measures up will blot out forever those hideous blunders of the past generation, costly in blood, devastation, corruption and wealth. Fortify this country with strong leaders whom we can confidently trust to repel the rising tide of Communism and corruption, eating like a huge cancer into the very life blood of our country. Under present policies we are certainly heading into another blood-letting that this time will reach devastatingly within our borders.

We must choose a leader who will surely unite the free peoples of the world and give us that higher prosperity enriched with national confidence and strength. Only then will the words "fear" and "fear of fear" be forgotten.

I have seen it first hand — the ugliness, bitterness, blasting of hopes — in my travels through 15 countries. Ever the pattern of blood and destruction. Believe me, the prospect of it happening in our area or to our large cities is appalling. May we be spared through right thinking in the hearts of our people.

FRANKLYN J. VOYT  
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### Damages In France By U.S. Air Force Costly

PARIS — The U. S. Air Force is paying out more than a million dollars a year to Frenchmen for damages suffered as a result of activities of American airmen, it was learned Thursday. Similar payments by the American Army may be running even higher.

Lt. Col. Ira Smith, head of the Air Force claims office in France, said he was paying claims at a rate exceeding his present one-million-dollar annual budget. He attributed the heavy out-go to the rapid buildup of Air Force personnel and installations in France.

Traffic accidents account for about 80 per cent of the claims, Smith said.

### Glendale Church Purchases Home For Parsonage

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX

The Church of Christ has purchased the Herb Webber house and it has been moved onto the property next to the church. It will be used for the church parsonage. The Webbers will be moving into the Earl Drisly residence by next week. They are re-decorating before they move in.

Thelma Webber received a surprise call from Tokyo Tuesday at 1 a.m. from her brother, Shine Williamson. He has been stationed in Korea and had received a pass to visit Tokyo. His voice was very clear, she said. It was 7 a.m., Wednesday, in Tokyo, when he called.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyland and children, Downey and Mike, Mrs. Bessie Hyland and Mrs. Hattie Niecher made a weekend trip to Crater Lake, via Gold Hill, returning on the northern route along Diamond Lake to Roseburg.

Leo Bice and Mrs. Earnie Bice went Oct. 1 to visit Bice's son, Bickie, in Phoenix, Ariz., and returned Oct. 18. The Bices live at Glendale Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Meglasson and son, Phillip, M. and Mrs. Otis Clabby and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clabby and son, Gary, went to the Klamath River area on a deer hunt. They left Friday, Oct. 3, and returned Sunday. Ted won't say anything about deer, but says they brought back some nice fish.

Mrs. Jeanne Bjornsson of Seattle arrived Monday morning to visit with the Jim Mize family in Glendale.

Doris Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cobb, who has been seriously ill in the Josephine County Hospital in Grants Pass since last Saturday, is reported as some better. Doris was ill for several days prior to entering the hospital.

Mrs. W. O'Roke, who has been visiting the Connie O'Roke and Floyd Cobb families in Glendale, left Tuesday last week for Spokane, where she will visit other friends and relatives before returning to her home in Hutchinson, Kan.

Floyd Cobb returned to work Tuesday after spending about three weeks recuperating from loss of a finger at the mill.

"Coo" Lee, who makes his home with the H. R. Linville family on the Windy Creek Road, is one of the hunters who returned with a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caraway have returned from a hunting trip in Eastern Oregon.

Dillon Johnson brought home a three point buck.

Dick Campbell entered the Forest Glen Hospital at Canyonville this week for an appendectomy.

Fatty Fotheringham, bride-to-be of Dave Williamson, was the honor guest at a lovely bridal shower Thursday afternoon, Oct. 9, at the home of Mrs. Fred Williamson in Glendale. Hostesses, Mrs. Herb Webber, and Mrs. Vile Kimbrough, served a huge, decorated "Wedding Congratulations" cake and ice cream, and some 25 or 30 guests presented Miss Fotheringham with a variety of beautiful gifts.

The Women's Circle of the Assembly of God Church in Glendale met Thursday evening at the church and spent some time quilting on the Friendship Quilt they are making for their pastor's wife, Mrs. Ed Graffstrom. The ladies are also preparing Christmas packages to send to the boys overseas and to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston in Japan, former pastor and wife in Glendale, and to the F. W. Dunbars who recently sailed for Uruguay.

## In the Day's News

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touch of irony in the fact that socialist Britain, which hasn't hesitated to nationalize the property of private British citizens, objects violently when Iran nationalizes British-owned oil (the British government owns half of the Anglo-Iranian Oil company.)

It always makes a difference whose ox is gored.

Speaking of oil: Truman and Stevenson are charging that Ike wants to ROB the federal government by giving to the states the oil that lies under their adjoining tidelands.

What difference does it make? In any event, we HAVE THE OIL TO USE. It's merely a question of who gets the royalties—the federal government or the states. Living in Oregon—more than half of whose area is owned by the federal government, I'm getting tired of this absentee landlordism involved in federal ownership of Oregon's resources.

That's the real issue involved in this tidelands oil business.

In Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Vice-Presidential Nominee Sparkman comes to life and says the wicked Republicans are riding the four horsemen of fear. He says the continuing theme of GOP speeches is FEAR of depression, FEAR of inflation, FEAR of corruption, FEAR of communism and FEAR of Korea.

On the same day, Give-'Em-Hell Harry, embarking on another whistle stop tour, calls in New Haven (Connecticut) for the election of Adlai Stevenson. He tells the crowd:

"Keep this country in the right groove (meaning the New Deal-Fair Deal groove) or you may SEND IT INTO THE MOST DISASTROUS WAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD."

Remember the fable of the pot that called the kettle black?

Harry goes on: "The Republican slogan 'I want a change' may be an appealing one. I want a change too. But I want a change that will NOT UNDO all the good we've done."

"You're not going to vote Republican because of what little brass glitter still shows under the tarnish of the Republican candidate's (meaning Ike) compromises. Eisenhower has compromised so much that he doesn't have much left to compromise."

Now, now, Harry! Think back to the days when you were gunning for Ike as the DEMOCRATIC nominee. If he had accepted, you'd be whistle-stopping from the Atlantic to the Pacific telling the crowds that General Eisenhower is the greatest and purest leader of the American people since General Washington.

There's another fable that fits—the one about the fox and the grapes.

The fox WANTED them. He bawled a couple of tendons leaping for them. But they were OUT OF HIS REACH.

So he said: "Shucks! I didn't want them anyway. They're SOUR. Who'd want sour grapes?"

### GOP Bankrupt, Has No Crusade, Sparkman Says

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — Sen. John Sparkman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, says the Republican Party chose Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as its presidential candidate for "an attempt at victory through masquerade."

Opening a three-day campaign swing through vitally important Pennsylvania, Sparkman told a campaign rally Wednesday night the GOP believed "if only they could disguise the old and bankrupt Republican Party behind the military toga of a five-star general they might then march straight to victory."

"What they forgot is one of the basic rules of the Army—a general is only as good as the troops he leads. He can have every aspect of military genius. He can have courage surpassing a mountain lion. He can know the rules of military science by heart. But he cannot make something out of nothing," the Alabama Senator added.

Sparkman told a crowd of about 1,000 at the 510-a-plate dinner the GOP is seeking "to make fear the American watchword" and that the Republicans do not have a crusade "no matter how many slogans they mouth, how many jingles they shout."

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