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WHICH LAW SERVES PEOPLE BEST?

Let the present delinquent tax publication law of Oregon alone. Whenever the voters of the state tamper with an existing statute of merit, the inevitable result is a boomerang. Whenever, likewise, the freak legislation fiends succeed in placing some wild etherial plan on the statute books, the voters of Oregon bear the burden until such time as the law can be cut off the books. Such is the history of freak legislation.

Get this point clear. The present delinquent tax publication law was devised for one purpose only—to protect the unfortunate delinquent taxpayer from that peculiar brand of social parasite known as the title grabber. It is considered a model law by adjoining states and its practical application has convinced all that it is a statute of merit. When speaking of statutes, merit can only be measured by services rendered to the citizens of the state.

C. S. Jackson, editor of the Portland Journal, is attempting to substitute a pet scheme of his own to replace the present law.

Glance at the differences between the present law and the Jackson camouflage measure.

The present law provides that a mail notice be sent to all delinquents within a certain time following the delinquency date.

The Jackson law does likewise.

The present law, to save the delinquent property from the title grabbers and scheming land attorneys, who are always "taking a chance" on delinquent titles, further provides that when the mail notices fail to perform their function, then and only then, may the notice be given by publication.

The Jackson law amendment leaves out the publication entirely, and thus the delinquent who fails to get his notice is entirely at the mercy of the title grabber.

Which is the better law? Which serves the interest of the taxpayer best? Which is the more equitable statute from the taxpayers' viewpoint?

The answer is apparent to every thinking voter. Vote "NO" on Jackson's delinquent tax bill.

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STAND BY THE WAR

The Republican party says to the country—STAND BY THE WAR. In this declaration of purpose is included the statement which the Democratic party seems to have adopted as a slogan—"Stand by the President."

Stand by the President in support of all war measures is a duty and privilege which the Republicans have assumed as a matter of course, as to all that the great office implies, and in the performance of which the Republican party has functioned far more fully and efficiently than the Democratic party, and in which course we shall persist without waver or shadow of turning.

STAND BY THE WAR.

This includes more. It includes, Stand by the President; it includes stand by every public official, high or low, measured by the thoroughness with which that public official stands by the war; it includes stand by the government; stand by this country; stand by our allies, every one; stand against our enemies in this war, every one; stand by our soldiers in France and the soldiers of our allies, stand by every effort for WAR SAVING and WAR GIVING in this country; stand for the Liberty Loans and every other war effort; stand for the cause for which we fight; stand by the "irreducible minimum" of peace terms so splendidly enunciated by Senator Lodge; stand by the war aims of this country to vindicate American rights, interest and honor and to forever end Prussianism in the world and the oppression which it typifies, and to make certain forever the inability of militarism, Prussian or otherwise, to disturb again the peace of the world; stand irrevocably for a peace with victory only and against a peace based on a compromise of principles which would make a sacrifice of our sacrifice to be made again by our grandchildren; stand for the preparation now of a sound and proper foundation for a policy of reconstruction after the war which will fulfill the economic needs and realize the spiritual ideals of our people, that the greatest good may come also to our own country front, and after, our supreme sacrifice.

NO REASON FOR A CHANGE

With election only ten days distant, Senator McNary is back in Washington attending to the important duties of his office, more important now than ever before. The senator knows that he has opposed to him Oswald West, one of the keenest politicians in the state. He knows that West has the support of "Boss Jackson," of the Journal. The "Boss" is rich and powerful, and notwithstanding McNary's fine record in the senate, the "non-partisan" democratic clique will wage a very active campaign to unseat him and send to Washington Mr. West to be another star in the Jackson crown. Mr. West, on account of the epidemic of the "flu" is not permitted to make a speech-making tour, and according to well(?) informed democratic politicians, had he made this tour, he would have advocated the election of his democratic-non-partisan friend Walter Pierce as governor, so Columbia county voters will probably not have the pleasure of hearing Oswald. The Mist, therefore, while not the authorized mouthpiece for Mr. West, will quote one of his best speeches.

or rather utterances. On April 18, 1918, he said, "although they differ in politics, Senators Chamberlain and McNary are working harmoniously together and making every effort to secure for Oregon those things to which she is justly entitled." April is just six months ago. Has West any reason for changing his opinion of McNary? Have the people of Columbia county any reason to doubt West's statement? Have the people of Columbia county any reason to give West a vote instead of giving it to the man on the job and the man who is making good? Columbia county should express its appreciation of McNary's conscientious and able efforts by giving him a majority of not less than 2500.

WAR GOVERNORS

Leslie's of October 19th, paid a nice tribute to Governor Whitman, "New York's War Governor." The magazine stated that although Whitman had served two terms as governor, his patriotic conduct of the office during the past two years, entitled him to the favorable consideration of the patriotic people of New York without regard to party lines. No less of a "war governor" is James Withycombe of Oregon. He has upheld the national standard with dignity and energy. When the I. W. W.'s began their trouble in Oregon, it was the governor's prompt action that curbed their activities and Oregon has been free of these trouble-makers against the government, agitators. If Governor Withycombe had not done another good thing, his action in this respect would alone entitle him to the support of the patriotic people of Oregon.

The governor will not make a personal campaign. He will remain at his desk in Salem and continue his 100 per cent record in war activities. The people of Columbia county will endorse the governor by a handsome majority and such majority he deserves.

LOCATION OF THE DOCK

Those who oppose the building of a city dock on account of its location might call to mind that the Portland municipal elevator is being built down the river, across from Linnton. Would the opponents of the St. Helens dock suggest that Meter & Frank, Lipman & Wolfe, Olds & King and other prominent merchants of the Portland downtown districts, prepare and present a protest to the dock committee or the Portland council asking that the elevator be built closer to their stores.

If the Columbia river ran through Houlton, the Mist would be in favor of a public dock in Houlton. If the deepest water and the most available place was in Frogmore, the Mist would be in favor of the dock at that place. Any public enterprise which will benefit one part of the town, will benefit the whole town. Let us forget that we live in Block 64 or Block 127 and remember that we live in St. Helens and want the city to go ahead. A town was never built by selfishness.

TRIED AND TRUE

The voters of Columbia county will make no mistake in re-electing Judson Weed county commissioner. Mr. Weed is a well educated man, a G. A. R. veteran and a pioneer of Columbia county who has done his part towards the upbuilding of the county. He has served one term as commissioner. He has been fair and just to every section of the county. His business judgement has been sound, and his policies economical. He knows the county business thoroughly and attends to it. Could the voters ask more?

The Non-Partisan League tried to get a strangle hold on the Oregon granges. In fact, the league was endorsed at a state meeting of the granges which was held at Astoria over a year ago. At their last meeting, which was held in Salem, the Non-Partisan League was kicked out of the grange, and several prominent grangers from Columbia county helped do the kicking. It is hardly possible, therefore, that these same Columbia county grange men will endorse the candidacy of Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, who has been flirting with the Non-Partisan League. In the old Populist days Pierce played hot and cold with that party, later he flirts with the Non-Partisan League and now he tries to ride the democratic donkey into the Salem statehouse.

If Albers, the millionaire Portland miller, is guilty of the charges filed against him by government authorities relative to his pro-Hun sentiments, his citizenship papers should be taken from him and he should be sent back to the land of his birth—Germany. To be fined \$10,000 and be interned for the duration of the war, would be too much leniency, provided the charges are proven, and it seems probable they will be. A man who has taken the oath of allegiance to this country is a traitor, if he doesn't serve this country and should be dwelt with as a traitor.

The Oregon Journal, through its wealthy owner, C. S. Jackson, is waging a fight on other Portland newspapers. In order to get them, he has to get the small country weekly. It does not seem fair that wealthy Mr. Jackson should set a price for all country newspapers to maintain. Jackson has two of his pet measures on the ballot. He didn't put either of them there just because he loved the common people, but he put both of them there because he has an axe to grind. The voters should say "NO" on each of Jackson's measures.

Walter M. Pierce, Democratic nominee for governor, is now busy denying that he is a member of the Non-Partisan League. The fact remains undisputed, however, that Mr. Pierce attended, participated in the discussions and served on the legislative committee at the meeting held in Portland Saturday, January 19, 1918, when the Non-Partisan League in this state was organized. Can it be that Walter is ashamed of his company?

On April 29, 1918, Oswald West in a public statement, proposing that all other candidates for United States senator withdraw and give Senator McNary a clear field, said: "Senator McNary is giving the President his unqualified support in the prosecution of the war, and is most active in his endeavors to advance the interests of the people of Oregon."

Again Columbia county has come to the front in Liberty Loan subscriptions. While the total is not available, it is known that the amount subscribed is far over the quota allotted.

IS POLITICS ADJOURNED?

The extent to which politics has been adjourned by the Democrats in this state is best revealed by the facts. While United States Senator McNary is remaining at his post of duty at Washington, loyally backing up the President in his prosecution of the war, his opponent, Oswald West, is conducting an active campaign for the senatorship. Press of official business, occasioned by war time activities, has made it necessary for Governor Withycombe to forego a personal campaign. He is remaining at his office in Salem attending to the business of the state and cooperating with the national administration in every war time activity. Not so with Walter M. Pierce, who opposes him for the governorship. Mr. Pierce is and for weeks has been making a thorough canvass of the state urging his candidacy upon the voters.

Mr. Pierce is the running mate of Oswald West, Democratic candidate for senator, who has announced that he will make a number of addresses urging the election of Pierce.

Sure! "Politics is adjourned"—for the Republicans.

The Democratic candidate for governor is busy running over the state trying to explain that he is not affiliated with the notorious Non-Partisan League. To be sure. Any student of simple arithmetic could easily figure how many votes an avowed non-partisan league candidate might expect in patriotic Oregon. But the fact remains that Brother Pierce took a prominent part in the organization session of the Non-Partisan League less than a year ago in Portland and that since that time he has been flirting continually with the radicals who are standing sponsor for the league in Oregon.

Meanwhile why should the voters of Oregon even consider placing a new and untried man in the governor's chair when we all know where Governor Withycombe stands? Our present war governor has more than made good. Furthermore he has not even been accused of any connection with the despised Non-Partisan league which is being vigorously repudiated by loyal-hearted Americans the country over. Is it well to take chances in war times?

For governor the Republican party has in the person of its nominee, Governor James Withycombe of Salem, a business man and a student of affairs, whose training and whose reputation for honor and fair dealing, recommend him to every voter. The first need of any state during the war in its governor is a strong executive, who can see that the business of the state is properly managed, who can organize and look forward to tomorrow. Governor Withycombe is a man with the vision to see great development for Oregon and he will not have to look back, shaping his administration on mere precedent.

The state needs new laws, it needs new industries, it needs proper coordination of its industries. To accomplish these things a man of wide business experience is needed. Mr. Withycombe understands the needs of the business and at the same time he has kept in close touch with the laboring men, knowing their needs and desires. He does not need the governorship of Oregon, but the government of Oregon needs him.—Silverton Tribune.

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