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DIGEST OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE JUNE ELECTION.

(For the information of the voters of the state, the following brief digest of all proposals to be submitted to the electorate at the special election of June 4, has been prepared. Effort has been made to state the real purport and result of each proposal without bias and solely for the information and possible guidance of the voter in deciding the attitude he desires to assume at the polls.)

A constitutional amendment, submitted by the legislature, second on the ballot, entitled "Limiting Number of Bills Introduced and Increasing Pay of Legislators."

This measure proposes to amend sections 18 and 29 of article IV of the constitution. At the present time a senator or representative is not limited as to the number of bills he may introduce.

Members of both houses are paid \$3 per day, with the limitation that the per diem shall not exceed \$120 for any regular session, which has the effect of practically limiting the regular session to 40 days.

The proposed amendment would limit each member to the introduction of four bills at a session, while senate committees are limited to the introduction of a total of 30 and house committees to a total of 60 bills. This would limit the number of bills at any session to 450, exclusive of appropriation bills. The amendment also raises the pay of legislators to \$6 per day, with a total per diem to each member of not more than \$300 for each regular session, the equivalent to full pay for a 50-day session. The adoption of the amendment would very probably result, in practice, in the lengthening of the regular session from 40 to 50 days.

The voter who desires to limit the number of measures introduced and to raise the pay of the members from \$3 per day for 40 days to \$6 per day for 50 days should vote "304 X Yes," those opposed should vote "305 X No."

LOOKING UP IN PORTLAND.

A significant change of public sentiment is noticeable in Portland during the last few days.

Some of the heavy taxpaying interests who formerly were opposed to the \$6,000,000 road bonding act have now come out in support of it.

President Henry Ladd Corbett of the Chamber of Commerce has stated squarely that he believes that road bonds should be voted in the interest of the state's development and because of the military necessity of marketing crops.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber, with only one exception, voted in endorsement of the road bonds, and have undertaken the burden of the campaign in Mult-

Will Buy Paving Plants.

Portland, May 24.—(Special)—The State Highway commission has announced that, in the case the \$6,000,000 road bonds are voted at the June election, it will purchase paving plants. If satisfactory bids for laying paving are not received from the contractors, the commission will then be prepared to do the paving itself by force account.

Forestry Regiment.

Portland, May 24.—(Special)—A "forestry regiment" made up of foresters, practical woodsmen, loggers, portable sawmill operators, and others experienced in lumbering operations, for service in France, will, it is announced, be raised immediately. The Forest Service, at the request of the organization and equipment of the force.

Total of County Voters.

After checking up the total registrations of the county, County Clerk McCormick found that the total number registered for the coming election June 4 was as follows: Present total 6859, total in last election last October, 6237. Gain over last election 622.

Negro Training Camp Provided.

Washington, May 24.—(United Press)—A negro officers' training camp for 1200 men, 200 of whom will come from the regular army, will be established at Des Moines, Iowa, the war department announced Saturday.

It is rumored the sun has taken the veil.

nomah County.

A special committee of the Chamber is doing the active work in the Portland campaign. This committee meets daily, assigns speakers to meetings, undertakes the organizing of precincts and is doing everything that is required in a vigorous effort to roll up a big vote in Portland for the bonds.

Entrance into the campaign of President Corbett, the Board of Directors and the special committee means that no stone will be left unturned so far as the Portland vote is concerned. Predictions are now made that Portland will come to the state with a handsome majority.

Word comes from more than half the outside counties that similar energetic campaigns are being conducted. If the enterprising organizations and citizens of all the counties will take up the matter vigorously during the next few days it means there is a first-class chance to carry the bonds and get the roads built. The main thing in the outside counties is to get the vote out to the polls, and no effort should be spared to accomplish this.

WHAT IS THE SECURITY FOR A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

The faith and honor of the United States, backed by all of the resources of the Nation and the American people. A Liberty Loan Bond is a mortgage on all the resources and taxing power of the Government and all of the resources of the American people.

LET'S ALL BOOST THE UNION STOCK SHOW.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Live Stock Show Association Wednesday evening, it was decided to begin the active work for the 1917 show, and the work will be crowded from this time on.

Stock Show affairs are in good shape and the indications are that the 1917 show will be fully up to the old standard.

The help of all is needed in this work, and the next three weeks will be full of opportunities for lending a helping hand.

The co-operation of stock show association members and the citizens generally is needed at this time. Let all lend a hand.

The only possible interference with the big show will be high water, and good judges are of the opinion that that will be over by the first of June, which will give the roads a couple of weeks to dry up.

In the mean time, let's all give all possible aid to the 1917 stock show. There is something for all to do in aid of this one big event in Union.—Union Republican.

OREGON'S WORK FOR THE WAR.

In his report to Governor Withycombe, Speaker Stanfield details work that will occupy all the energies of the State Council of Defense. That work consists mainly in calling forth and directing into the right channel all the patriotic effort of the people of Oregon to win victory in the war. The fields for the exercise of our energies are many and varied, and they afford scope for men and women, old and young, rich and poor. Each according to his ability must do his bit, with hand, brain or purse, or all three.

Most pertinent is the passage in which Mr. Stanfield puts the purpose of conscription in the right light before the people. In a demoreacy such as this, that much-abused system is not a device by which a man is dragged from his home to fight against his will in a cause in which he has no interest. It is founded on the principle that in a free country every man's duty is to do something for his country in time of war, and its purpose is to insure that each one will do that which he can do best. As he says, "selec-

Advertisement for Interwoven Hosiery. Includes text: 'Time for New Hosiery Now', 'Men's, Women's and Children's', 'Spring gowns, spring suits and low shoes are what you need...', 'Outlines—Burlington, Black Gat, Eiffel, and Interwoven, are the best that we can offer for your inspection'. Features an image of a sock and the Interwoven logo.

Conscription is the only scientific way in which to arrive at the manner in which each can best serve.

Many things can be done by means of organization. This applies to determining who shall be exempted from military service because of greater usefulness in agriculture or industry; to maintain standards of health, for a sick man or woman is a loss of so much energy; to gathering men and boys for work on the farms; to cooperation in farming and to promotion of better farming; to enrollment of older men in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Success in war requires that everyone do his (or her) part to maintain and increase the strength of the Nation. Conscription does not assume that compulsion to do this duty is necessary; it only determines where the duty of each one lies, assuming that each one is willing to do his duty.—The Oregonian.

BUY A LIBERTY BOND.

Every organization, from the city government to a bridge club, in La Grande should buy a Liberty Bond. Every lodge should buy one, every labor union, every grange. Let no one who has the means lag behind. Employers should assist their employes to invest in the government loan.

COMMENT OF THE STATE PRESS.

A Real Present.

Among the wedding presents to a bride at Cove were "a cow and a blooded sow." If all wedding gifts were as sensible as these in these war food times there would be more successful marriages, in the opinion of the Baker Herald.

Forerunner of New Business.

Four million dollars' worth of wooden ships to be built in Oregon is merely the forerunner of much new business destined for the Pacific Coast this year.—Eugene Register.

Pendleton Needs Houses.

Will some public spirited capitalist be kind enough to erect about 25 five-room cottages in Pendleton? The housing problem is becoming a serious one here.—Pendleton Tribune.

What a Vote No Means.

If Umatilla county votes against the road bond bill it will be equivalent to saying that she either doesn't want a hard surfaced road from border to border, or prefers to pay for building it herself.—Weston Leader.

When in doubt, put in a silo.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Includes text: 'A BANK'S STRENGTH', 'is known by the statement it issues for the benefit of the public and its stockholders.', 'Report of the Condition of La Grande National Bank AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 1, 1917'. Features a table with Resources and Liabilities.

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