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THE SAINTS ASSURANCE—O our the Lord, for his ability for there is no way to them that fear him. The young men the back, and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Psalm 34: 10.

Abandoned farms in the East are being reforested. Will pioneers ever be needed to clear those forests again for agriculture.

La Grande is entering a new era as a city of prominence and importance in Oregon. Voters should guard against backward steps, against changes that will decrease business-like efficiency in city government. The five-commissioner plan is ill-advised—vote "NO" and keep the city moving forward.

### MINOR STATE MEASURES

Several measures of minor importance will be decided tomorrow. The amendment to permit a plea of guilty without a grand jury indictment by an arrested criminal should be approved in the interest of quicker justice and less involved court procedure. The amendment to permit negroes to vote in Oregon is merely correcting obsolete provisions in the constitution and should carry. The referred measure by which the legislature closed Neastuca Bay to commercial fishing should be approved, as should the proposal to increase the pay of legislators to \$10 a day. The measures permitting Portland to issue bonds for a memorial armory and to consolidate the municipal and county governments seem equally fair and deserving of support.

The question of prohibiting state and county elective officers from receiving pay increases while in office is not, in our opinion, a business-like provision. It is being vigorously opposed and will probably fail. We are also opposed to the amendment requiring registration before election day for all voters and prohibiting voters being sworn in on election day. Fraudulent and illegal voting is not a serious menace in Oregon and the registration requirement would deny many citizens their suffrage right.

Every question should receive careful attention and every voter should express his or her conviction at the polls tomorrow. That is the only safeguard against minority government.

### VOTE TOMORROW

In spite of the fact that tomorrow's is a "pocketbook election" everything indicates a light vote, considering the state as a whole. Some measures to be considered are anything but minor. The decision given them will determine fundamental questions of taxation, of state policy toward taxation, and of local policy toward various improvements.

La Grande and Union county will show a vote relatively larger than the rest of the state, due to the road bond issue and the water main bonds and five-commissioner plan. The fate of the road bonds is doubtful but there is an indication that the issue will not carry. Farmers, taking the valley as a whole, are fairly well split on the question, and La Grande anxious to vote as the majority of the outside area wants since scattered agricultural districts are chief boosters of the plan, will give an equally doubtful vote. Distinct market road portions of the project are widely favored but the idea of starting a road toward Walla Walla from Elgin and of building to Medford Springs from Union has brought out both the most ardent supporters and the most ardent opponents of the bond issue.

The \$45,000 bond issue for a new water main on Second street, key main of the city's water system, will probably be approved by the voters in the city, and the five-commissioner amendment will be defeated, according to present indications. The new main is looked upon as a necessity while the proposal to change to five commissioners instead of three and revert to ward representation is generally considered as a backward step that would encourage sectionalism within the community and destroy governing responsibility. This measure should be defeated by a big vote.

The state issues have not aroused the general interest they deserve. The income tax, generally conceded to be merely an additional tax levied as a means of putting state finances on a cash basis, may be approved if a very light vote is cast. With a representative vote, however, the measure is expected to fail of approval. This will be aided by the growing conviction on the part of voters that the present deficit is only a book deficit and that the state can easily continue to operate satisfactorily until a more agreeable financial solution is found.

Another extremely important tax measure, that which would set a new tax base for the six per cent limitation with the income tax revenue included in that carries is receiving too little attention. The new base is extremely necessary for Oregon's state government operation. It is one move in the direction of financial stability. And, if approved, the

new base will still be half a million dollars lower than would have existed for this year according to the base in effect before the first income tax experiment.

Third in importance among state measures to be voted on tomorrow is the state tax commission's supervision of county tax assessments. It means approval or disapproval of the famous "blue blank," which would practically require submitting an income tax return to county assessors as a means of arriving at property valuations. Practically every taxpayer who has seen the proposed blank will vote emphatically against this referred measure. It is a misrepresentation of the legislature's intent on supervised assessments. Its probable defeat will result in a more carefully phrased assessment law at the next legislative session.

Don't fail to express your conviction on these important measures tomorrow. Regardless of the press of affairs, do your duty as a citizen and go to the polls. Although a special election without candidates to be selected for official positions, tomorrow's vote is most vital for Oregon's welfare. It is a vote that seriously affects the state's taxes and financial program. A heavy, representative vote is the only guarantee that the wishes of the majority can be carried out. Vote tomorrow.

## SELF RELIANCE URGED BY LEADER

### Northwest Indians Now Better Equipped to Improve Condition

SPOKANE (AP)—The Pacific Northwest Indian, though slow at an eye of the white man and since his subjugation, as a whole, is assuming a self-reliant role as a consequence of a movement inaugurated by the Red Man himself. Paul G. Wapato, full blood American Indian, is the moving spirit in the transformation.

The crusade had its inception in the desire of control of the Northwest Indian congress by the new generation of Indians following a plea by Wapato for united thought and action among the tribes. The coup was won into the presidency, formerly held by a white man, and carried through a set of declarations violating the demands of the younger generation.

Since that time Wapato, who is frankly impatient of the story-book moving picture, wild western idea of the Indian, has been influencing the tribes of the Pacific Northwest to form associations on their various reservations for the discussion of problems and reaching of agreement as to suggested remedies.

There has been too much complaining against the "strange" Indians have suffered in the hands of white men, he believes, and not enough effort on the part of the Indians to improve their condition. It is his hope that by the time the next Indian congress convenes in September the various tribes will have reached on definite and concrete proposals for settlement of their problems. Instead of sitting by while representatives of the Indian bureau and others discuss them from the white man's point of view.

### 207 MILLIONAIRES PAY INCOME TAX DURING YEAR 1925

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calendar year of 1925 and based upon net provisions decreased 44.48 per cent compared to the preceding year, but a total tax collection of \$754,555,192, an increase of \$19,289,792 or of 2.6 per cent was recorded. The proportion of the population filing returns was 2.6 per cent compared with 2.26 per cent in 1924.

### HUMOR AND INTELLIGENCE



Decorated girl in "the form" and "the host" (left) and "the host" (right) at the graduation school, Boston, respectively. Sarah Chamberlain of Hingham, Mass. (left) and Elizabeth Stinson of New Orleans, La. (right). (NKA Service, Boston District)



WHEN RAYTHING BEAUTIES PARADE at Miami, Fla. this week, the hon. Mrs. and Miss Marie Hands, who are "the beauties" will lead the parade.

### CALLES' DAUGHTER WEDS AMERICAN



The Milton power plant was washed out and the town is obtaining temporary power from a diesel engine. The damage to the plant was estimated at \$2000.

W. McKenna and family on Cause creek were forced to the upper story of their house from where they were rescued by ropes. An island in the Walla Walla river near Milton was flooded and a family named Chapman living on it had a narrow escape.

Garden lands near Milton were flooded and the crops destroyed. Dry creek canyon between Milton and Weston also was flooded, with bridge, highway and crop damage. Cottonwood creek canyon suffered similar damage.

The storm seemed to sweep eastward from the coast around the fringe of the Blue mountains, with cloudbursts all along the way, the greatest series of them ever known here. The fury of the storm passed on eastward before reaching Mill creek, above this city, and the Tumbler river above Dayton, although heavy rains occurred there and some damage was done to wheat in the foothill regions by rain.

### ARLINGTON DAMAGE HEAVY

ARLINGTON, Ore., June 27 (AP)—Flood-swept by a sudden torrent from a cloudburst, Arlington's business and residence districts suffered severe damage late yesterday. Today residents began the work of clearing debris and repairing wrecked buildings and cobbling the loss.

Pointing down upon Arlington from Aball canyon at 5:30 o'clock yesterday, a wall of water estimated seven feet high, turned Main street into a scene of havoc. A cloudburst on Sutter flat was responsible for the flood and more serious consequences might have resulted had

### Approaches Washed Out

A cloudburst over Cause creek, a mile above Milton, flooded the banks of the Walla Walla river. Bridges approaches were washed out and a number of Walla Walla business men, on the river picking up and fishing, were marooned there all night. Attorney George Roberts was washed to a farm in the arms of a tree. It was washed to the flood water.

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A. K. Smythe. Several frame buildings in the construction camp of Retain and Bar on the John Day highway, were washed away. Several automobiles were hit by the flood and damaged.

PENDLETON, June 27 (AP)—Yesterday the town of Weston, 22 miles from here on the Walla Walla-Pendleton highway, presented a picture of a thriving town in the wheat belt. Today the residents are making their way through piles of mud and debris in an attempt to recover property and to determine the damage caused by a cloudburst that swept down Dry creek and Pine creek canyons yesterday about 5 o'clock.

Water Unexpected  
The fall of water was unexpected and it was impossible to warn the residents of the impending danger. The bridge approach over Dry creek on the Pendleton-Walla Walla highway was carried away, the house and barn of Newton O'Hara swept from their foundations, and other buildings in the community seriously damaged.

The floor in the dry goods department of the H. B. Paine store collapsed when the torrent hit the building and it is believed that most of the stock was lost. Hardware supplies and sporting goods in the store of Nelson H. Jones were badly damaged when the water rushed through the building.

The water was over the floors in many of the homes and carried away lawns, shrubs and other property.

Traffic over the highway was delayed about two hours and then routed over a temporary bridge approach across Dry creek.

Weston is located in one of the heaviest wheat producing sections in the state but it is believed that most of the crop damage was confined to the draws and canyons leading into the foothills.



REV. N. S. DUNCAN  
Rev. Knight announces meetings starting tonight in Coconino, a G. O. Camp. Rev. N. S. Duncan, noted evangelist, will have charge of services which will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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