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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Whereof, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.—Phil 2:12.

THE POWER AMENDMENT

The voters this year will have an opportunity to vote upon a measure entitled "State Water Power and Hydroelectric Constitutional Amendment—Purpose: To require all water for power development and water power sites now or hereafter owned by the state to be held by it perpetually; and authorizing the state to control, develop, lease water power and power sites; control, use, distribute, sell, dispose of electric energy; separately or with the United States, other states or state subdivisions; acquire from such sources water power and electric energy; loan the state's credit and incur indebtedness not exceeding 6 per cent of assessed valuation; commission of three non-partisan elected members to administer these powers."

This measure, upon first thought, seems far-reaching, almost revolutionary, in its action; but the well-informed voter will recall that for more than twenty years Oregon law has required that the state must retain perpetual title to all water power sites, and that the state has always had the authority to control and develop water power sites in conjunction with the federal government, other states, or subdivisions within its own borders, as well as to fix rates and charges on water and electric power.

Upon thorough investigation one finds that there really is nothing new involved—EXCEPT that the state is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate hydroelectric power plants and transmission and distribution lines AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE and through a commission composed of three men who would be empowered to administer all laws enacted to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

In Section 2 of the proposed amendment that state is definitely authorized and empowered: "To loan the credit of the state, and to incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding 6 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state, for the purpose of providing funds with which to carry out the provisions of this article, notwithstanding any limitations elsewhere contained in this constitution" and "to do any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this article."

This section of the amendment is almost sure to cause the defeat of the amendment when it comes to the vote of the people. Six per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state would amount to approximately \$60,000,000. When the people realize that the large portion of their already burdensome tax bill is the result of extensive bonded debts, they will refuse to shoulder greater burdens by authorizing an increase of 6 per cent in the bonding limits which even now are up to 66 per cent.

Union county's share of the debt which the amendment would allow would be in the neighborhood of \$1,400,000, which is just about \$1,400,000 more than the people would accept. Other counties would have to be responsible for much more than that.

It has been pointed out that, in addition to increasing our bonded debt, the amendment would shake the confidence of investors in Oregon's securities, as well as frighten away industries which might otherwise come to our state, because of the danger that the liquidation of such recklessly assumed obligations eventually might require taxation to the point of confiscation.

Vote "NO" against the State Water Power and Hydroelectric Constitutional Amendment.

NOT ON THE DOCTOR'S BILL

We do a lot of talking about the self-sacrificing work that the doctor does. But we don't often realize that this self-sacrifice isn't just a matter of missing a night's sleep now and then or letting a poor man's bill go unpaid. Very frequently the doctor actually has to risk his own life.

This is made clear by the illness of Dr. Walter Blair Stewart Jr., children's specialist of Atlantic City, N. J. Dr. Stewart has been in charge of infantile paralysis cases at an Atlantic City municipal hospital. For weeks he has been working day and night in an effort to bring his child patients through the disease without the crippling after-effects so common among sufferers from that malady.

Overwork and physical weariness weakened his resistance, at last; and now Dr. Stewart himself has been stricken with infantile paralysis, and his own two children have contracted it.

We laymen always take care to give a very wide berth to any case of contagious disease. We have to. The diseases against which we can be protected by a serum are, unfortunately, few in number. Some of the deadliest of them can be avoided only by steering clear of people who suffer from them.

Quarantine laws and other health regulations help us in that regard. But we usually forget that the doctor can't avail himself of that protection.

We can stay at home and dodge germs; the doctor has to go right to the spot where the chances of infection are greatest, and do it over and over again. He has to give the most malignant organisms in existence a chance to attack him, and trust to his own physical sturdiness and such

meager prophylactic measures as may be available that he will not be harmed. Usually he gets away with it. But not always. Dr. Stewart, contracting infantile paralysis because of his devoted efforts to save a group of suffering children, shows what can happen to a doctor whose luck is out. And that risk, by the way, is one item that never appears on your doctor's bill.

Other Papers Say:

HOOPER DRIFT IS APPARENT Similarities with similar reports from elsewhere, this writer has heard a number of local observers recently assert that there is in evidence now a definite swing toward Hoover.

How great this swing, either locally or generally, will be, and what its ultimate outcome will be, no one can say conclusively. But so great is the agreement among impartial observers that there is little doubt that such a shift of sentiment is taking place.

What is causing it? Well, there can be no doubt that President Hoover won thousands of votes by his Des Moines speech and his quick trip into the Middle West. There have been other effective activities under Republican campaign direction, such as the "California" tour, the address and the vigorous speech-making of Ogden Mills on the west coast. Democratic attempts to answer these speeches have been for the most part weak-kneed and ineffective.

While these more spectacular activities have been taking place, there has been going on quietly a great deal of old-fashioned "grass-roots" thinking. The speeches have helped that, of course. And this thinking has had more to do with the shift in sentiment than anything else.

There is no question that the early popularity of Governor Roosevelt in this campaign was largely the result of impulsive sentimentality. It was a surface stuff. It was the natural thing that would happen in times such as we are experiencing, and the democratic majority of the voters was so signed to weep as much as possible from this situation.

And then came the reaction. Folks began to think that the party in theory that a change would bring all good things began giving away in many a mind, to an understanding that the greatest hope for stability, the steady, old-fashioned, hard-headed, lay-in-keeping the expert, seemed to be on the job.

That, we believe, is largely what is causing the present change. It is in our own community in relation to other campaigns—the slow but sure thinking through on issues that takes up the spirit of the times and the slow change of mind that is empty promises, for what is really in our minds.

We are not foolish enough to say that this shift of sentiment is going to sweep Hoover. We do not know the outcome of the election. We do believe that the observers are right who say there is such a drift, and we believe that the voters have thought they will be largely responsible for it.—Kleinman Falls Herald.

BOAT'S ARMY REPUTATED

The October issue of the Oregon Legionnaire, the official organ of the legion organization in Oregon, throws some light on the Waters expedition from Portland to Washington which is of interest to the general public.

Waters was not a member of the American Legion when he marched the members of the legion army to Portland and started for the national capital to demand the immediate payment of the bonus, and not a simple expedient from Portland to Washington which is of interest to the general public.

The Legionnaire backs the action taken at the Portland convention for immediate payment of the bonus, and says that the legion never did approve the coercive methods employed by the bonus "army" to intimidate congress into paying a debt not due until 1945, and more.

In expressing this attitude the Oregon Legionnaire does a real service to the legion organization. Many mistakenly consider the legion and the activities of any service group, and it will take some time for the legion to live down the unjust reflections cast upon it by Waters and his gang. The legion position would have been much better understood had the organization, represented by Waters and his works, been more forthcoming in its explanation of its attitude.

That neither Waters nor a single one of his original 200 followers was a good standing in the legion, and that most of them have been expelled, shows about what proportion of the "bonus army" represented Waters' movement. It was not a legion movement, and it will be remembered that the legion turned down a radical resolution seeking to condemn the president and the

banks through the fact that depositors in general wrote off a percentage of their deposits, thus enabling such a step. The officers of the bank follow: N. K. West, president; Herman Siegrist, vice president; F. L. Meyers, cashier; H. A. Zurbick, assistant cashier; N. K. West, Herman Siegrist, F. L. Meyers, W. C. Perkins, Lee B. Bouvy, Robert S. Eakin, Fred E. Kiddie, Clyde Bunting and William Siegrist, directors.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Miss Bess Duke, Society Editor Telephone Main 600 Until 9:30 a. m.

Mrs. E. E. Kiddle Has Leading Part On Chapter I, P. E. O. Program To Be Given on Friday Afternoon

Mrs. E. E. Kiddle will be the principal figure on the program which will be presented at a meeting of Chapter I, P. E. O. Friday afternoon at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. R. Eberhard, Mrs. L. Denham will be a joint hostess. Chapter A. X. newly organized Baker group have been invited as the guests of the local organization. Mrs. Kiddle will review excerpts from "The Marks of An Educated Man," by Albert Edward Wiggam.

Miss Hawksworth Tells of South

"Fabulous New Orleans" which has been ravaged by war, by fire and other disasters, was a field for an interesting study by Miss Mildred Hawksworth, librarian at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, when she presented a program yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the La Grande Neighborhood club. Miss Hawksworth visited in New Orleans last year while attending the national convention of librarians, and returned with an attractive description of the city and a series of pictures which she took during her stay.

New Orleans has some of the most wonderful antiquities in the world, she said, and a number of famous houses "Absinth House," "Napoleon House" and others. Wrought iron is used in beautiful designs on balconies and other parts of the houses and striking colors are revealed in the foliage and flowers. The magnolia is the state flower and at least one tree is found in patio. Miss Hawksworth also presented interesting pictures of the public market where the French market where one goes for doughnuts and coffee. Preceding Miss Hawksworth's program, reports were given by Mrs. David Melrum, Oregon products committee chairman; Mrs. J. T. Richardson, membership; Mrs. J. L. Wright, convention; and Mrs. Harold Finlay, girls and committee.

Girls Entertain Contest Winners

The girls of the fifth and sixth grades of the Riverton school lost in the recent P. T. A. membership drive and therefore were hostesses to the boys yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Lane chapel. Miss Ruth Prater and Miss Henri Hering were the faculty advisors and were assisted by Mrs. David Melrum representing the association. The chapel was decorated in a Halloween motif and the girls wore appropriate costumes. Seventy-five pupils were entertained at games and refreshments which were furnished and served by the girls late in the afternoon.

Bridge Party On Tuesday Evening

The Moses Edna Mae and Bernice Wilson were hostesses at a charming evening event Tuesday when they entertained for members of their club at 8 o'clock at their home. Mrs. Doyle Zimmerman was a guest and completed three tables for bridge. Prizes were awarded to Miss Constance Rae, first, and Miss Grace Couderc, fourth. A Halloween motif featured the refreshments which were served at the close of the evening. The guests were seated at one large table which was attractive with a centerpiece of fruit and lighted tapers.

Missionary Group To Meet Thursday

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist Church South will hold its monthly social meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at the home of Mrs. Walter Wimburn, on the corner of Y and Birch. An interesting program has been planned for the afternoon.

Guest at Meeting In Baker Tuesday

Mrs. A. P. Nelson, department secretary of the United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary, was a visitor in Baker yesterday and a guest at a meeting of the Baker auxiliary. Mrs. Nelson was accompanied by her husband and her daughter, Miss Marion.

"Tramp" Supper Is Feature at Lodge

A novel idea was carried out last night when the lodge at the Neighborhood Woodcraft membership drive served a "tramp" supper to the winners. After a business meeting, over which Chairman Allen last night presided, and a brief burlesque radio program, they went to the homes of several of the members for a "tramp" supper which they took back to the Old Fellows hall. The supper was held at 7:30 for refreshments. The homes of Mrs. Louise Hilary, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. Belle Devine, Mrs. Pauline Pickett and Mrs. Mabel Graham were visited. The October committee was in charge of the program with Mrs. Louise Hilary as chairman.

Mrs. H. V. Leffel Entertains Club

Mrs. H. V. Leffel was hostess to a group of eight women last night at a cocktail at her home. Bridge was played during the evening and the prizes were awarded to Mrs. Chester L. Thompson, first, and Mrs. Charles Graham, consolation. The group has organized a club, and the next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Finlay, on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Finlay.

M. I. L. Members Are Entertained

The M. I. L. club enjoyed an afternoon of bridge yesterday when Mrs. E. Jacobson entertained at 2 o'clock at her home. Mrs. J. C. Quilling and Mrs. Claude Lynch were invited to complete three tables for bridge. Mrs. L. M. Egan received the prize for high score among the members, and Mrs. Lynch was high among the guests. Refreshments were served at a late hour in the afternoon by the hostess.

COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE (Special)—Anne, the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker, is seriously ill. Her trouble is thought to be a cold and flu with pneumonia threatened. She is under the care of a physician. She became ill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Conklin and two daughters, Joan Frances and Catherine, were La Grande visitors Saturday. They were luncheon guests of Miss Alice Starnes.

Mrs. A. G. Conklin and T. R. Conklin will entertain the Ladies Guild at the home of the former Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Mitchell, who spent last week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, has returned to Union.

The Epworth league held one of its delightful parties at the church parlor Friday evening. Rev. Mr. Batezior, a Nazarene minister from Freewater, occupied the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Elsie Robinson, who has been visiting her son here, returned home with him.

Mrs. Mae Kelley was hostess at a luncheon Sunday, her guests being Mrs. Cora Bloom, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel and Mrs. Mary Mitchell. Mrs. A. Sills received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Allie Fisher, at Nampa. She was born here March 17, 1868, her maiden name, Theresa Alice Batten. She received all her schooling here and lived here until her marriage to J. W. Fisher when they moved to Nampa. Her husband died three years ago. She is survived by seven children, three sisters and two brothers.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Oct. 19: 7:00 International Relations group of the A. A. U. W. with Miss Eleanor Vernon, 1700-4th St. 7:30 Rebekah lodge, at the Old Fellows hall. 7:30 L. S. to the B. of L. P. and E. Eagles hall.
- Thursday, Oct. 20: 1:00 Thursday Bridge club, Mrs. Charles Playle, at the Sacajawea. 1:00 Joby Bridge club, with Mrs. L. H. Bramwell. 2:00 Bible Searchers class of the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. W. E. Snook, 4030 avenue. 2:00 G. I. A., at the Sacajawea Inn. 2:00 Missionary society of the M. E. Church South, Mrs. Walter Wimburn. 4:00 P. O. club, with Mrs. Clarence Greer. 7:30 Eagle auxiliary, at the Eagles hall. 8:00 Past Matrons club, at the Masonic hall. 8:00 Fifty-Fifty club, with Mrs. Harold Hale. 8:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. E.

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