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A bear has entered the city of Klamath Falls. Evidently looking for a juicy and tender morsel and had heard that Bruce Dennis is now a resident there.

It begins to appear as if there will be a dearth of golden anniversaries among the growing generation.

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MEASURES AND AMENDMENTS

Following its usual custom The Sentinel will endeavor to explain the several measures upon which voters should act at the approaching election. As there are nineteen of these, exclusive of the Lane county bond issue, requiring 104 pages in the voters' pamphlet, the explanations must necessarily be brief. However, the more important measures and proposed constitutional amendments have been discussed editorially by this paper. Voters should study the arguments pro and con in the pamphlet, but for those who have not done this, the following explanations are made:

300-301—Klamath County Bonding Amendment—To permit the electors of Klamath county to vote a bond issue in excess of the limit of the constitution for the purpose of retiring warrants. Numerous counties in years past have been unfortunate or careless in their expenditures and the present generation is paying in interest on warrants, and sometimes heavily by discount on warrants. The financial condition of such counties will be greatly improved if they are permitted to retire outstanding warrants with bond issues and they will be put on a basis that will better enable them to liquidate outstanding indebtedness. The present generation should not be punished unnecessarily for the sins of a past generation. A county should be permitted, to a certain extent, to handle its financial affairs in the way it wishes. Bonding amendments simply put it up to the voters of the county or counties affected.

This explanation applies to two other proposed amendments on the November ballot, for Curry and Clackamas counties.

302-303—Six Per Cent Limitation Amendment—This affects the Portland school district only. It was originally asked by the school directors of Portland, who have since requested that the proposed amendment be defeated.

304-305—Repeal of Free Negro and Mulatto Section of the Constitution—This portion of the constitution has long been ineffective because of conflict with national law. Negroes may live in the state and own property despite this obsolete provision of our constitution and this section should be repealed by a unanimous vote to keep Oregon from being the laughing stock of the nation.

306-307—Amendment prohibiting Inheritance and Income Taxes—This amendment is commonly referred to as the Dennis resolution. The Sentinel has previously expressed its doubt of the wisdom of this legislation, although its passage would be an open invitation to capital to come to Oregon. The inheritance tax is a legitimate source of considerable revenue to the state and is a tax that discourages no one in the exercise of his talents in amassing wealth upon which the tax would have to be paid. Florida is the only state which has inhibited this form of taxation. Fifteen years is too long a time to bind ourselves to an inhibition of this kind.

308-309—Seaside Normal Act—This would locate a normal school at Seaside. No appropriation or tax is provided, but a tax or appropriation would follow if the school is established. It is time to emphasize the fact that taxes are increasing because the people are voting every taxing measure put up to them. We must halt somewhere if we do not wish taxes to continue to climb. To talk of any great reduction is foolish, but it may be possible to hold them where they are. We have just established a normal at Ashland, and this has normal been fully provided for yet. We should consider seriously before establishing additional normals, bearing in mind that our taxation for education is now

about 45 per cent of our total taxation, and that by providing for other educational institutions we may handicap those we already have. No great harm can come from refusing to establish additional normals at this time.

310-311—Eastern Oregon State Normal School Act—Same explanation as for preceding amendment measure.

312-313—Recall Amendment—This is an important proposed amendment to the constitution that can be brought about only by act of the people. If this amendment passes, we shall do away with the possibility that a candidate may be recalled and reelected at the same time, which is a ridiculous feature of the recall in its present form. If an official should be recalled, surely he is not wanted and should not be able to be reelected by the same people who put him out of office.

314-315—Curry County Bonding Amendment—Same explanation as for Klamath county bonding amendment.

316-317—Amendment relating to Elections to Fill Vacancies in Public Offices—This is an important amendment and is necessary to make certain that the state shall at all times have officials filling positions provided by law. Lane county, and other counties, have in the past been without members in the legislature because of the lack of this amendment.

318-319—Klamath and Clackamas County Bonding Amendment—This seems to be a duplication of the first amendment on the ballot so far as Klamath county is concerned, but is necessary for Clackamas county. Same explanation as for Klamath county amendment.

320-321—Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis Act—Its title explains the act. It carries an appropriation of \$100,000 for erection of building and maintenance until December 31 of this year. Other appropriations would necessarily follow. The state has been put on a precarious footing so far as money for running expenses is concerned by the premeditated failure of Governor Pierce and his leaving board to provide sufficient tax money. The coming legislature will have difficulty in providing for present institutions. To establish additional ones at this time is to endanger those we have. More tax money must be available before the legislature is required to provide for additional activities. There is an appeal about this measure, but the state simply is not in shape to take on this additional burden largely because of the pig-headed way the state leaving board took to force taxes down.

322-323—Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Bill—This was an emergency measure forced on the legislature by the failure of the state leaving board to provide sufficient money for running expenses of the state. The articles that would be taxed under the measure could come into the state by parcel post without paying a tax, which is the best reason why it is unwary legislation.

324-325—Motor Bus and Truck Bill—This is a bill enacted by the legislature and is on the ballot through referendum petitions circulated by the bus and truck interests. It should be considered in connection with 330-331, Bus and Truck Operating License Bill, an initiated measure proposed by the bus and truck interests.

The bus and truck interests claim that the legislative bill proposes rates that will put them out of business, while their bill with lower rates will produce nearly as much net revenue. As a matter of expediency it probably would be wise to accept the measure proposed by those to be taxed, thereby establishing the principle, enacting a law that will not be contested in the courts, providing a source of revenue and putting on the statute books a law that can be amended to provide further revenue for maintenance on the highways if it seems that commercial users of the highways should pay higher rates. One or the other or both should be acted upon favorably to inform the legislature how the people stand on this class of legislation. The legislative bill contains a wise provision for regulation and moderate taxation by cities through which bus and truck lines operate. Under the law cities can collect nothing for the use and destruction of streets by motor carriers.

326-327—Act Appropriating Ten Per Cent of Self-Sustaining Bonds' Receipts—(Usually referred to as the Tithing bill.) This is another act of the legislature forced upon it by the failure of Governor Pierce and Jefferson Moore, members of the tax levying board to provide enough money from general taxation to carry on state government. Is on the ballot through the referendum. No argument for or against appears in the voters' pamphlet. Some of the commissions and boards that come under the provisions of the act probably should not be there. This is emergency legislation of doubtful merit forced through during the last hours of the legislative session.

328-329—Income Tax Bill With Property Offset—Initiated by Public Service League. This should be considered in connection with 334-335—Income Tax Bill—initiated by the state grange. Both are identical in their provisions except for the property tax offset in one. Both bills make the exemptions too high. If a taxing law is good for those of large incomes, it is good for those of moderate incomes. The exemptions were made high for the reason that it was thought impossible to pass an income tax bill that would tax the moderate income. Income tax has been thoroughly discussed. If we are to have income tax it is to tax the fellow not now paying, which is the reason for the property tax offset. If an income tax which permits a property tax offset does not raise enough to make it worth while, then income tax is, as many claim, merely double taxation. The Sentinel believes that the offset bill would raise a fairly large sum from those now escaping their just share of taxation.

330-331—Bus and Truck Operating License Bill—See explanation under 324-325.

332-333—Fish Wheel, Tran, Seine and Gill Net Bill—This is a continuation, through the initiative, of the fight among themselves of the fish wheel fishers, the seine fishers and the gill netters. At best this legislation, unless Washington adopts similar legislation, will only force fishers to the Washington side and the sale of their catches to Washington buyers and is very unwisely proposed legislation.

334-335—Income Tax Bill—See explanation under 328-329.

336-337—Oregon Water and Power Board Development Measure—This has been thoroughly discussed

in the editorial columns of The Sentinel. It is the most freakish proposal ever presented to the people of Oregon to embark the state upon a career of bonding itself to the limit and handing to inexperienced housewives the job of spending from fifty millions to two or three hundreds of millions of state money, and without the approval of any but themselves and without supervision.

LANE COUNTY BONDING MEASURE—This is a proposal to bond the county for \$75,000 to pay half the expense of building a bridge from Pacific highway across the Willamette river to Springfield. The bonds, if voted, will be taken up from O. & C. land grand refund funds. It any event a worthy measure.

Voting on amendments and measures will be simplified this year by the fact that voting "yes" or "no" is explained with each proposal. At the end of each proposal the voter by his mark says "Yes" I vote for the proposed amendment or measure," or "No, I vote against the proposed amendment or measure." The voter will know exactly what a "yes" or "no" vote means.

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(BALLOT TITLE)

Initiative Measure—Proposed by Initiative Petition

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336 Yes. I vote for the foregoing measure.

Vote YES or NO

337 No. I vote against the foregoing measure.

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