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TOMORROW'S MEASURES.

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business? Why should an elective officer be restricted to the same salary for four or six years any more than appointive employees whose salaries are fixed by elective employees? This amendment does not seem wise.

Next comes a city and county consolidation amendment that would affect Portland and Multnomah county only. The object of the amendment is to permit Portland to consolidate its government with that of the county, with the Port of Portland and with other overlapping governments of Multnomah county. This is an enabling act only and should receive a favorable vote in order that our only metropolis may be given the opportunity to consolidate and systemize its various interests.

The next measure on the ballot, the veterans' memorial and armory amendment, would simply enable Multnomah county, when it may see fit, to levy a tax on itself of a quarter of 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of the county for the erection of a memorial armory. There should be no opposition to this.

The next measure on the ballot, the state tax limitation amendment is probably the most important on which the people will have to act, and is likely to be the most misunderstood, for the reason that the title of the amendment is likely to prove deceptive. The proposed

amendment would establish a new taxation base of \$3,500,000. As few of the voters know what the present base is, or what the base has been in the past, many may be led to believe that a tremendous increase in taxation is likely to result, while nothing could be farther from the truth. The proposed amendment would increase taxes almost exactly a mill and a half, provided income tax is not adopted. If income tax is adopted, and should income tax produce a million dollars a year, the proposed amendment would increase the property tax only half a mill. Should income tax produce a million and a half of dollars, the proposed amendment would not increase property tax at all.

The proposed amendment sets the taxation base at what it was in 1925, before it was arbitrarily reduced during the administration of Governor Pierce, and should this amendment be adopted, as it should be, the worst that could happen would be to make state taxes what they were in 1925. The amendment provides that estimated receipts from income tax must be considered and deducted, in other words that \$3,500,000 is the total for both property tax and income tax. The 1926 tax levy was slightly over \$2,000,000.

The state can not be conducted decently without a return to the old tax base and, whether or not income tax is adopted, the taxation base should be raised.

Next comes income tax in a form from which The Sentinel has approved in the past but which has made its appearance on the ballot for the first time. While the proposed tax will reach the family man, it will not touch more than a very small percentage of the so-called wage earners. The head of a family without children would pay no tax unless his net income should be more than \$2000; if he has one dependent child he would pay only on net income above \$2400; if he has two dependent children, he would pay only on net income above \$2800; if he has three dependent children, he would pay only on net income above \$3200, with an additional exemption of \$400 each for any other dependents. After these exemptions he would pay \$10 on the first thousand dollars, \$20 on the next thousand and \$30 on each additional thousand dollars. As a concrete example, a head of a family with three dependent children, if earning \$4200, would pay a tax of \$10.

A single man is not so fortunate. He would pay \$10 on the second thousand dollars of his earnings, having an exemption of \$1000 only; would pay \$20 on the third thousand dollars of his earnings, and \$30 on each thousand dollars above that.

It is our belief that every resident of Oregon should pay something towards the expense of government, and it is largely for this reason that we favor this mild income tax with comparatively low exemptions.

These complete the amendments, but there are two referred measures, one the assessment law passed by the recent legislature, the famous senate bill 72, and the Nestucca bay fish closing bill.

The assessment law has had discussion enough in the press and everywhere else to make everyone familiar with it. In this writer's opinion this law was not needed in the first place and the manner in which the state tax commission attempted to put its provisions into effect were out of harmony with the ideas of the authors of the bill.

The Nestucca bay closing bill put a large number of fishermen in Tillamook county out of jobs and seems not to have been necessary in the preservation of the fishing industry of the state.

On a special ballot will be found the proposed recall of Sheriff Taylor on charges that are the flimsiest upon which any recall has been started in this county—flimsy because of no great weight even if they could be proved, or flimsy because no attempt has been made to prove them. This is a plain abuse of the recall and should be squelched.

Anyone can run an experiment farm with a paternal government paying the expenses, but it takes a real farmer to work off a mortgage.

A lot of folks who expect to wear white wings in the hereafter will find them made of asbestos.

All wives know their husbands are not as mean and ornery as such wives say they are.

The underground route is becoming a popular way to get away from trouble.

If civil service could only be applied to the servant problem!

SOCIETY

The ladies' aid of the Christian church entertained with a silver tea Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. About 70 attended and the aid societies of other churches attended. The following program was given: Piano solo, Mrs. Braden; song, Miss Geneva Kime; reading, Mrs. Henry Bennett; song, Miss Helen Ostrander; violin solo, Miss Ramona Spriggs; piano solo, Mrs. Leslie Hall; song, Mrs. Harbert. Dainty refreshments were served at the tea hour. Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. D. T. Aubrey and Mrs. Clive Taylor were the receiving committee and Mrs. Oliver Jones, Mrs. William Ostrander, Mrs. W. E. Bradley, Mrs. Henry Bennett, Mrs. A. W. Kime, Mrs. D. T. Aubrey and Mrs. Williams Kirtley were the committee on arrangements.

Creswell and Elkton chapters were guests of Cottage Grove chapter of the Eastern Star at a meeting Friday night in Masonic hall. Initiatory work was put on for Mrs. Elmer Monson and Mrs. R. L. Cooper became a member by affiliation. Mrs. Charles Beidler, worthy matron, who attended grand chapter held recently in Portland, gave a report of the session. Games were played after the business meeting and light refreshments were served.

Mrs. W. O. Wilson and Mrs. Mabel Dixon entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Wilson for the Neighbors of Woodcraft. Games, contests and cards were the diversions. Contest winners were Mrs. D. A. Forbes and Mrs. W. W. McFarland. Light refreshments were served.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church entertained with a picnic Friday evening on Row river. About 67 attended. The group met at the church and went to the picnic grounds in trucks. Swimming and games were a diversion and a picnic supper was served.

The Presbyterian missionary society was entertained last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Matthews. Missionary work in the Philippines was studied and Mrs. Duncan P. Cameron was program leader.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids at its office in the capitol building at Salem, Oregon, up to 11:00 o'clock a. m., July 12, 1927, for all the state's interest in the river bed lands hereinafter described, giving, however, to the owner or owners of any lands abutting thereon, the preference right to purchase said river bed lands at the highest price offered, provided such offer is made in good faith.

Said lands situated in Lane county, Oregon, and described as follows:

Tract 1: Beginning at a point on U. S. government meander line on right bank of the Willamette river, S. 87° 02' W. 11.81 chains from northeast corner of Lot 11, Section 12, T. 17 S. R. 4 W. of W. M. and running thence along U. S. meander line of right bank of Willamette river N. 58° 20' W. 14.10 chains, N. 22° E. 2.40 chains to center of meandered channel of said river, S. 83° 38' E. 5.95 chains along center line, S. 69° 52' E. 7.94 chains along said center line, S. 65° E. 4.10 chains along said center line, S. 2.915 chains to place of beginning, containing 4.48 acres fronting on Lots 9 and 10, section 12, T. 17 S. R. 4 W. of W. M.

The State Land Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Applications and bids should be accompanied by check or draft for the amount of bid, and should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase river-bed lands."

Dated at Salem, Oregon, May 28, 1927.

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Clerk State Land Board.

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