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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

The Standard Oil company frankly says that the recent advance in the price of fuel oil was not made because its profits were not large enough. They admit that their returns were sufficient.

The advance was necessary for the protection of the users of fuel oil on the coast. What do you think of that? Guess the government will tend to them pretty quick.

But listen! The oil supply in California is being rapidly depleted. The reserves are decreasing by the millions of barrels.

Not only that but fuel oil is selling at a higher price in the east by several cents than it is here.

So it became necessary to advance the price to such a point that consumers of fuel oil would not come to this, the cheapest market, and further deplete the supply.

That sounds reasonable, but what is going to be done with all that extra money?

Why, that is to be given to the producer of crude oil, to encourage him to produce more oil and open new fields.

That sounds reasonable too. But here is the real kernel of the situation:

The government has been imported for years to allow the oil lands held in reserve to be opened for development on any kind of terms.

Now that the government has been asked to intervene and stop this advance in the price of oil products, the Standard Oil company tells the government that if it had allowed its lands to be opened, there would have been no need for the recent advance.

If this rise in the price of fuel oil forces the government to the opening of its idle fuel oil lands, a mighty good service will have been performed and we wonder why the Standard Oil company didn't think of that before.

ROAD BONDS.

The time is rapidly approaching when the voters of the Cottage Grove territory will have to decide what action they are going to take upon the proposed county road bonds. To date the only action taken in opposition to the bonds has been by the grange.

Before the taxpayers' meeting, which decided to put the bonds up to the people, the commercial club took an active part in opposition to the manner in which the money was apportioned, but at no time definitely aligned itself against the abstract principle of bonding for roads, although the impression became prevalent that such was the position of the club.

It seems to The Sentinel that the Cottage Grove country as a whole should get together in a mass meeting and discuss the issue, to the end that voters may have the information that will enable them to act intelligently when they go into the voting booth.

In deciding whether that method shall be bonds or direct tax, several problems present themselves.

Whether the bonding or direct tax method shall be employed, should be considered in connection with the other tax levies up for consideration.

A two-mill tax is proposed for the support of elementary schools; a two-tenths of a mill tax is proposed for financial aid to those honorably discharged from service with the colors; a tax of one-sixth of a mill is proposed for the teaching of the blind; a levy of one and two-tenths mills is proposed for additional support for

our colleges; an increase of 50 per cent in the levy is found necessary for the support of the local schools; county taxes will advance 6 per cent over those of last year; the city tax will not decrease.

All of these objects for which additional money is asked are worthy ones. The amount of additional money asked seems absolutely necessary, but they will immediately increase taxes to such an extent that this fact should be taken into consideration in forming an opinion upon whether or not to vote for the bonds. We should consider whether or not, if we are in favor of all these increases in taxes, we would be willing to go into the polls in November and add three and a half mills for roads. Would the postponement of the tax with which the bonds eventually must be paid recompense us for the waste of money that we feel will follow the authorization of expenditures of two million dollars in four years?

Our action upon the bonds might be guided by other things than just merely whether or not we are in principle opposed to bonds.

If, after such a meeting, we find that we are of the opinion that the enactment of any of the propositions that will be before the voters would be of great harm to us, or if we should be of the opinion that our welfare and prosperity depend upon the enactment of any of the proposed measures, we should perfect an aggressive campaign organization and endeavor to act in unity.

EDUCATORS BID US GOOD BY.

One of the best known and best liked members of the faculty of the University of Oregon, Dr. Schafer, is leaving to accept a very pleasant position in Wisconsin, one that will enable him to carry forward his great historical research work. He will have a library of a million volumes in a modern building and will have at his command a large corps of assistants and a somewhat princely expense fund.

With equipment and opportunities of this kind a scholar with his peculiar adaptability for the work he loves will have unlimited opportunities to reach a high position among men of letters.

It is understood that Dr. Schafer was asked to name a price at which he would remain, under the hope that some means might be found of holding him in Oregon, but that the other inducements were so great that the matter of salary was in reality only a minor factor in his decision to accept the other position.

The fact that so many of our doctors of learning are leaving our institutions of higher learning is teaching us two things: That the men we have here are of such a high standard that other universities are glad to take them from us and that we have got to meet competition if we hope to retain the men who are making our colleges what they are.

It is not altogether what we may wish to pay for our instructors in our institutions of higher learning; it is what other universities are going to force us to pay.

That is another reason why the proposed millage measure is of such vital importance at this time.

INIQUITOUS PERVERSION OF THE INITIATIVE.

If ever a freakish and destructive measure was proposed to the people of Oregon, the measure is the proposed 5 per cent interest measure.

Of all the iniquitous measures that have originated from the hall of freak legislation at Oregon City this is one of the most iniquitous.

Now it develops that the circumstances of the birth of this proposed measure were as iniquitous and slimy as the proposed measure itself.

Two perverses evolved the idea that a measure of this kind would set the bankers of the state to scrambling for their lives and that in the mixup they might be offered a substantial sum to give up their petitions, which sum they would reluctantly (?) accept and quietly sink away to live lives of ease and luxury.

Now that the vile scheme has been exposed and the possibilities of the beautiful Oregon system have been brought still further into the light of day, it is not likely that the proposed measure will get very far with the justice-loving voters of Oregon.

IF TABLES HAD BEEN TURNED.

The Centralia verdict was, indeed, a strange one and there seems little doubt that the jury were intimidated, possibly not by direct threat but at least by the fear of what friends of the I. W. W. on trial might do. The juryman, it would seem, did not do what they felt it their plain duty to do but attempted to satisfy both sides by a verdict entirely out of harmony with the facts presented.

Attorneys for both sides admit that the men on trial were either guilty as charged or not guilty at all.

Aside from the fact that there has been a perversion of justice, it is interesting to speculate upon what the members of the I. W. W. would now be saying had the men on trial been capitalists and a jury had brought in a verdict showing upon its face that the jury had been afraid to do its plain duty. What a howl would have gone up to the skies.

It becomes more evident every day that the law is no respecter of persons. Congressman Victor Berger, the rantankerous socialist, was found guilty of near-treason and now the wealthy Senator Newberry has been found guilty of election fraud. The high and the low, the rich and the poor shall quietly rub elbows in the penitentiary cell.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

People are attracted by their opposites. Very few people would be satisfied to mate up with others like themselves.

If you want a steel engraved picture that will never deteriorate in value, get one of Uncle Sam's new \$10,000 bills.

Some of the best things our most successful men have picked up had been previously passed over by those who are cursing their luck.

The joke about the men and women who can't get married is worked about as much as the one about the mother of the girl who does get married.

While speaking of criminals who escape punishment, it might be well to remember that the man who committed the crime of '73 hasn't been apprehended yet.

Why is it that the boy who requires corporal punishment to get him to do chores at home will spend his playtime working for a neighbor and think it is lots of fun?

Many a married man is often surprised to see the way his excuses go down—and probably would be more surprised if he could see what a little way they sometimes went down.

A man would tell his wife more if he were certain it would stop there, but it makes a man hopping mad to have a neighbor refer to some business difficulty that one wife has learned from the other.

A New York couple is said to have married because they both loved the same bull dog. We trust that their love may never grow cold and that they may enjoy a long life of wedded felicity.

As a muddy stream can travel but a little way into a body of pure water before it spreads out and discolors the entire body, just so does a moral leper contaminate those with whom he comes in contact.

It is getting so there are nearly as many people mortgaging their homes to buy automobiles as there are to buy eggs.

Some men are so light in their upper story that they have to part their hair in the middle to preserve their mental equilibrium.

Two Irishmen recently died, aged 119 and 120. The former smoked, the latter did not. See what an end smoking may bring you to.

When meeting a woman these days with "Mrs." prefixed to her name, it is the part of wisdom to learn if it is present or past tense before inquiring too particularly about her hubby.

About the only difference between a job and a position is in the amount of work.

"Language was made to conceal thought." Some people are keeping a lot of thoughts to themselves.

An ideal hubby is one who never breaks any of the promises made before marriage.

Every man gets to the front sooner or later. If in no other way, he always heads his own funeral procession.

We feel like offering a prize to the aviator who will soar above the high cost of living and drop a bomb on it.

A Burmese official has been arrested for stealing 250 elephants. That is the largest theft on record.

The far a man receives when he slips on a banana peel usually breaks one of the commandments.

Esperanto hasn't any swear words. This is probably the reason it is shorter than other languages.

For an animal with so many corsets stays concealed about its person, the whale has a very poor form.

There's no reasoning with a girl who has made up her mind to get married. She has passed that stage.

About the worst old woman on the face of the earth is the old bachelor.

Don't have any slackers. Keep track of what each hen does by using egg record cards. For sale by The Sentinel at \$1.75 the hundred. d5tf

RATIFICATION OF TREATY DEFEATED

Three Courses on Peace Pact Now Open to President Wilson.

Washington.—After a troubled eight months' sojourn in the senate, the treaty with Germany was sent back to President Wilson with a note appended saying that ratification had been refused.

Until some affirmative action is taken by congress or the president to end the war status legally, the technical position of the country remains, officials say, just what it was the day the armistice was signed.

Three courses are open to Mr. Wilson. He can return the treaty to the senate, in which case the republican leaders declare it will be pigeonholed indefinitely; he can do nothing, while he waits for the verdict of the people in the political campaign, or he can treat the treaty as a dead letter, so far as international diplomacy is concerned, and proceed to negotiate a separate peace with Germany, a step which he alone under the constitution could initiate.

War legislation continues in force and under the war department interpretation of the situation the president retains his war power as commander-in-chief to keep the American troops at whatever ports in Germany he thinks necessary to enforce the armistice terms.

On the decisive rollcall, the vote was 49 for ratification to 35 against, the opposition numbering in its ranks 20 democrats who were unwilling to see the treaty go through with the republican reservations objected to by the president and three democratic and 12 republican irreconcilables.

Twenty-one democrats quit the president's lead and voted for ratification, but the defection failed by seven votes of providing the two-thirds requisite to ratify.

BENSON TOLD SIMS TO WATCH BRITISH

Washington.—Rear Admiral William S. Benson, then chief of naval operations, was the official who told Rear Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans," Admiral Sims testified before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

Admiral Sims said the remark was made just after he had received his final instructions from Secretary Daniels preparatory to his departure for England on the eve of the entry of the United States into the war. He added, however, that it was not made in the course of formal instructions, but during a conversation in the office of Rear Admiral Palmer, chief of the bureau of navigation.

INTEREST IS \$236,240,114

Annual Amount Accruing on Loans By U. S. to Europe.

Washington.—Unpaid interest on loans to foreign governments, accruing up to November last, totaled \$236,240,114, while the estimated interest for next year is \$463,215,613, Secretary Houston informed the senate.

Belgium owed \$8,370,381; France, \$65,858,101; Great Britain, \$105,503,126; Italy, \$39,228,303; and Russia, \$15,051,977, of the unpaid interest he said, while the interest falling due in 1920 includes Great Britain, \$211,828,890; France, \$139,904,272; Italy, \$79,595,569; Belgium, \$16,822,078; Russia, \$9,399,395, and Czechoslovakia, \$2,615,004.

Czar's Daughter Found in Boxcar.

Washington.—Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia, has been found by American Red Cross workers living in a box car near Novorossisk, South Russia. It was announced at the headquarters of the Red Cross here. The grand duchess, according to the announcement, is one of the three surviving members of the house of Romanoff.

German War Craft Coming to America.

Washington.—Five German surrendered warships allocated to the United States under the armistice terms, a battleship, a cruiser and three destroyers will be brought to this country next month, it was announced by the navy department. Under the supreme council agreement, the ships must be destroyed within a year after arrival here.

Philippine Women Vote.

Manila, P. I.—Women voted at the democratic primaries in the Philippine islands to elect delegates to the territorial convention in April, when six delegates to the national convention will be chosen. It was the first time women had participated in a primary here.

Notice of School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 45, of Lane County, State of Oregon, that a special school meeting of said district will be held at auditorium of high school building, on the 9th day of April, 1920, at two o'clock in the afternoon to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax. The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 21, 1920, and ending on June 30, 1921, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET—ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

INSTRUCTION
Teachers' salaries.....\$17,300.00
Stationery and supplies.....240.00 \$17,540.00

GENERAL CONTROL
Election and census.....50.00
Superintendent's salary.....2,300.00
Clerk's salary.....140.00 2,390.00

OPERATION
Janitors' salaries.....1,675.00
Janitors' supplies.....300.00
Fuel.....850.00
Water.....75.00
Light and power.....150.00
Telephones.....75.00
Printing and sundries.....125.00 3,250.00

MAINTENANCE
Repair, replacement, upkeep, play sheds and grounds.....2,500.00
Insurance.....100.00 2,600.00

HOME ECONOMICS
Teacher's salary and department maintenance.....1,450.00 1,450.00

MANUAL TRAINING
Teacher's salary.....1,350.00
Maintenance.....150.00
Equipment.....1,000.00 2,500.00

SCIENCE LABORATORIES
Equipment and supplies.....400.00 400.00

OTHER PAYMENTS
Library.....50.00
Bonds to redeem.....1,000.00
Bond interest.....2,650.00
Warrant interest.....500.00 4,200.00

Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year.....\$34,330.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
From county school fund during the coming school year.....5,953.00
From state school fund during the coming school year.....1,200.00
From county high school fund during the coming year.....2,500.00
Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year.....200.00

Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote.....\$9,850.00

RECAPITULATION
Total estimated expenses for the year.....\$34,330.00
Total estimated receipts not including the tax to be voted.....9,850.00

Balance, amount to be raised by district tax.....\$24,480.00

The amount of money to be raised by this special tax is more than the amount raised by special school district tax in the year immediately preceding this, plus six per cent. It is necessary to raise this additional amount by special levy for the following reasons: Increased salaries of teachers, increased cost of operation and maintenance, and the installation of necessary equipment and supplies.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1920.
H. J. SHINN, Chairman Board of Directors.
Attest: WORTH HARVEY, District Clerk. mh19a9

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