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ADVICE ON MEASURES.

Following its usual custom, The Sentinel this week offers its advice on measures presented to voters. In doing so, it again urges voters to read the official pamphlet and study for themselves the arguments presented there.

300-301—Compulsory Voting and Registration Amendment.—Referred by legislature. Does not prescribe methods, but makes it possible for laws to be enacted by people or legislature permitting voting by persons absent from their precincts on election day, or unable to go to polls on account of illness. Also enables people or legislature to make voting compulsory. The latter provision is the result of the continued decline in the percentage of voters going to the polls. As an enabling act only it is not dangerous but The Sentinel thinks considerable care should be taken in the prescribing of any methods to make voting compulsory, or partially so. It does not believe the legislature or the people would follow this act with any legislation that would put compulsory voting into effect. For that reason this would be an unnecessary law. The first provisions of the amendment may be desirable but would add greatly to the expense of elections.

302-303—Constitutional Amendment Regulating Legislative Sessions and the Payment of Legislators.—Referred by legislature. This amendment would lengthen the legislative session from 40 days to 60 days, would prohibit the introduction of bills (except appropriation bills and bills having to do with the national debt) after the fortieth day, and would raise the pay of legislators from \$3 the day to \$5 the day. The salient feature of this amendment is that it gives for the introduction and enactment of bills the same number of days that are contained in the entire present legislative session and then gives 20 additional days for careful and deliberate consideration of the legislation which has been introduced but not acted upon. This is an amendment made necessary by the growth of the state. The business can not be handled in the same length of time it could 50 years ago. The provision of 20 days for consideration of legislation is a wise and progressive one and will do away with the last minute rush which often accounts for unwise legislation. The provision for raise of pay of legislators needs no comment. No one any longer works for \$3 a day, and few for \$5, the wage proposed in this amendment. Most of the legislative clerks and stenographers now get more pay than the legislators. Be particular not to confuse this amendment with the divided session amendment, which will appear further down on the ballot.

304-305—Oleomargarine Bill.—Enacted by legislature. Referred to the people upon petition circulated by associated industries. Bill was only enacted after amendments had taken the teeth out of it. Originally designed as a protection to the dairy industry, it means nothing to that industry in its present form, nor does it greatly hamper the oleo industry, at which it was aimed. No arguments appear in the voters' pamphlet either for or against the bill, indicating that neither side deems it of any great importance, which makes it appear an unnecessary piece of legislation that would only encumber the statutes. Nearly all of regulations proposed to govern sale of oleo are now in force, either by national or state laws.

306-307—Single Tax Amendment.—Proposed by petition by Single Tax league. At last the single taxers have brought out a measure devoid of deception. No need to discuss the pos-

sible baleful effects of socialistic single tax. This measure should be snowed under even deeper than those of similar import which have appeared in years past in sheep's clothing.

308-309—Amendment Fixing Term of Certain County Officers.—Proposed by initiative petition. Would fix the terms of office of county clerk, sheriff, treasurer, coroner and surveyor at four years. No great demand for this amendment. Plenty of candidates at present two-year term. This kind of legislation should properly be first presented to the legislature for reference to the people.

310-311—Port of Portland Dock Commission Consolidation Bill.—Proposed by initiative petition by leading business men of Portland. This is a local measure, in that the port of Portland pays the taxes, but the courts have held that all measures affecting the port are of concern to the entire state, so that the port has no option but to present the subject to the entire state. This measure gives the port of Portland the power to provide piers, facilities and an adequate channel to the sea. In case the people within the port do not favor this bill, the port commission, so it is announced, will not issue the bonds authorized by the measure, on the other hand, should the people of the state as a whole defeat the measure, the bonds could not be issued, even though those who would pay the taxes voted unanimously for the measure. To vote for the measure is therefore, equivalent to giving the people of the port the privilege of doing as they please with their own money.

312-313—Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Amendment.—Proposed by initiative petition. This measure is a vicious one and its title misleading. It not only opposes compulsory vaccination which we do not have but takes from health authorities the power to enforce any health regulations. There would be no power to deal with epidemics. The leper and the smallpox sufferer would be allowed to go wherever they pleased, whenever they pleased. A more vicious measure never proposed. Swat it good.

314-315—Constitutional Amendment Fixing Legal Rate of Interest in Oregon.—Proposed by initiative petition. Commonly believed that this measure was proposed for the purpose of getting "hush" money from those it directly affects. No affirmative argument appears in pamphlet. Note particularly that this measure proposes only to fix legal rates in Oregon. Of course, Oregon voters could go no further, but these two words point out the danger in the bill. Money would be driven from Oregon and invested in states where it could earn higher returns. Loans now made would not be renewed. No new capital would come here for investment. That all directly affects. No affirmative argument appears in pamphlet. Bankruptcy of farmers, business and industries would follow. The most vicious attack upon agriculture, business and industry ever made in Oregon. Read negative arguments in the pamphlet and swat it good.

316-317—Roosevelt Bird Refuge Measure.—Proposed by initiative petition by some of the state's best citizens. Would cede Malheur lake in eastern Oregon to the federal government for a permanent bird refuge, forever taking the lands within the meander line from control of the state and from the tax rolls of the state. There may be some question as to whether or not this should be made a permanent bird refuge, but there is no question as to the issue of whether or not we want more of our lands taken off the tax rolls and taken from our control. Leave the disposition of this lake to the legislature, which has ample power to act.

318-319—Divided Legislative Session Constitutional Amendment.—Proposed by initiative petition by State Taxpayers' league. This measure would divide the legislative session. In forty days legislation would be introduced and acted upon as at present. After an intermission of 60 days the legislature would again assemble, at which time legislation which received affirmative action at the previous session would again come up for action and at that time could only be amended upon a four-fifths vote. This is a freak measure modeled after a similar measure enacted in California, which is reported as not working as well as the former method. During the intermission of two months all manner of influences could be brought to bear upon legislators, the legislative organization would be lost and could hardly be put in working order during the ten-day session. The provision for a four-fifths vote to make an amendment means four-fifths of the membership, and not four-fifths of those present, which would put into the hands of a few the power to defeat the will of a large majority, which feature in itself, undoubtedly put there as a safeguard

against sinister influence, is so contrary to the idea of government by the majority that it is enough to defeat the amendment. Be particular not to confuse this amendment with the second amendment on the ballot which provides for an extended legislative session but with no intermission. The former measure, the second on the ballot, was submitted by the legislature itself, which rejected the divided session idea. The members themselves should be the best judges of how the business best can be conducted and the amendment proposed by them, the second on the ballot, should be given a trial before the freak divided session amendment is given consideration. This freak amendment would enlarge the influence of the press and put money in its coffers because of the advertising that would be likely to be used during the intermission between sessions, but this is not sufficient to warrant its adoption. It would not do away with the last minute jam of legislation, for all laws must be favorably acted upon at the first forty-day session or they get no further consideration. Vote 319 X No.

320-321—State Market Commission Act.—Proposed by initiative petition by State Taxpayers' league. The title tells the story. The object is to reduce the cost of getting produce from the producer to the consumer. Undoubtedly this will increase the amount the producer will receive and decrease the amount the consumer will pay. While two new offices, with salaries attached are created, the fact that the State Taxpayers' league is behind the act would indicate that the additional expense put on the state is much more than offset by the benefits to accrue to the individuals of the state. Fettered after the California law which is said to be getting beneficial results. Vote 320 X Yes.

WANTS DANCES LIGHTED.
Cottage Grove, Ore., Oct. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Will you permit me just a word to call attention to something which I think important. Last Saturday I attended a dance in this city and during two dances the lights were turned off and remained off during these dances, the only light being that shining in from outdoors and coming from the rooms at the rear of the hall. Not only that but the party turning them off unscrewed the knob so that they could not be turned on again until he replaced the knob. I do not say that any harm followed, but I do know that a number of women and their daughters would have left the hall had the same thing happened again, and I know that a number of women, especially mothers with daughters, will withdraw their patronage if this thing has got to be put up with. In the name of decency let every woman protest against any such action as this again. Only in this way can the dance be kept in a good repute.

A WOMAN DANCER.

THINGS WE THINK
Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

When a young couple strike a match they can not see the need of any other light.
Having a temperament of some kind or another is too often merely an excuse for acting like a darn fool.
Now a heartless government threatens to use the reports to Dan's and Bradstreet's as a basis for levying the income tax.
Sermons in stones are the only kind that make any impression on some thick-skulled people.
The editor who is serving his sixth term for libel is a man of convictions.
The man with lots of brass seems to get hold of much of the silver and gold also.
The small boy only refers to what other boys are allowed to do when he wants to do something he shouldn't do or which he has been told not to do.
The hen is yoked to her job.
The nude has a place in the world, but there is some doubt if so much nakedness in the moving pictures in the name of morality is really moral.
The block system, when applied to legislation, is sometimes a dangerous one.

The papers say Villa is not dead after all. Someone is always taking the joy out of life.
What puzzles us is how a king with a harem full of wives can be called a potentate.
Mexico doesn't like American music—probably because it sounds as if it were meant to march too.
It is said that a stingless honey bee has been developed. We hope this is one time we're not stung.
There are a lot of people who auto do things but the self starter isn't working.
Your relatives don't show so much interest in you if they are richer than you are.
A lot of folks who expect to wear white wings in the hereafter will find them made of asbestos.
Anyone can run an experiment farm with a paternal government paying the expenses, but it takes a real farmer to work off a mortgage.
All wives know their husbands are not as mean and ornery as they think they are.
You never realize how many things a wife will forgive a hubby who loves her until you try it awhile.
The ways to make money are unlimited and there are exactly three times as many ways of getting rid of it.
A census of the financial condition of the newspapers of the country shows no change.
Sometimes we suspect that a woman's tears are for the purpose of getting a chance to laugh at us.

The pretty girl claims the passing attention of all men, but it is the girl of cheerful disposition, sweet voice and affectionate ways who wins steady attention from the man worth while.

The man who knows himself must smile over the way he has fooled those who compliment him, but the pleasure may be marred by wondering whether the compliment was a deliberate lie.

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

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

"Capital and Industry, Keep Out!"

Would You as a Patriotic Citizen of Oregon, Place Such a Sign on the Borders of the State?

That is exactly what you will help to do if you do nothing to prevent the passage of measure No. 314 and 315 on the November ballot entitled, "Constitutional Amendment Fixing Legal Rate of Interest in Oregon."

This measure proposes to limit the rate of interest in Oregon to 5 per cent. You can, by law, fix the rate of interest in Oregon, but you cannot, by law, force the loaning of money in this state, when a much higher rate can be secured elsewhere. The passage of this measure would force the withdrawal of the millions of foreign capital which is today loaned on factories, business and real estate in the state and send your local money owners outside of the state to better investments.

Passage of this measure would mean foreclosure of thousands of mortgages; would result in financial paralysis, and would mean widespread unemployment.

You, no doubt, understand the viciousness of this measure, but have you talked to your neighbors and friends about it? We urge you to do everything you can to defeat this measure. Oregon's reputation as a sound state for investments requires that this measure be overwhelmingly defeated.

Vote 315 X No

and urge your friends to do likewise

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