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THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BILL

The two mill school tax law to be voted upon at the special election May 21st is entitled to the support of every man and woman in the state who has the welfare of our children at heart.

This measure would not necessarily increase the taxes one must pay, as in many districts it would do away with the necessity of levying special school taxes, but it would equalize the tax by putting every dollar of taxable property in the county behind the education of every child in the county. The money raised in each county would be distributed among the schools of that county.

This tax affects only the common schools, being used for advancing education in the elementary branches up to and including the 8th grade. This is the bread and butter part of our educational system. It affects the masses. A large percentage of the children never go beyond the common school, but that they may become useful citizens they should all have the opportunity of acquiring at least an 8th grade education.

Statistics gathered during the late war showed a surprising, not to say alarming, amount of illiteracy in the United States. The Surgeon General of this country recently said: "One person in 20 over 10 years of age in this country can neither read nor write, and one person in 5 is not able to read a newspaper with understanding or write a simple letter."

Last February a shortage of 100,000 teachers was reported in the United States, and this year the doors of 18,000 schools failed to open for want of teachers.

There are only seven states in the union that have no state-wide tax for education, and Oregon is one of them.

The passage of this bill will, without a hardship upon the taxpayers, place Oregon schools on their feet, and relieve the state from the odium of being one of the most backward in the union in its public school educational system, and from contributing to the illiteracy that threatens the efficiency of our nation.

A vote for the Elementary Educational Bill, May 21st, is a vote for the better citizenship of the rising generation. Remember this when you go to the polls.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Herbert Hoover, after considerable flirting with both the old parties, has finally decided he is a Republican, and is in a receptive mood for the nomination for President on that ticket.

Mr. Hoover could hardly be accused of being influenced in his choice of parties by his desire to become chief executive of the land, and yet it would seem that one who has so little choice in the issues that make a great party as he has evidenced, is not the most desirable one to lead the nation on the party in which he has shown but a half-hearted interest.

The allied nations, Belgium in particular, owe Mr. Hoover full measure of gratitude for his war work there, but, while he did conserve food in the United States during his term as food administrator, yet he did not protect the people of this country from the food profiteer as they should have been protected. The continued high prices of today are the result of this lack of regulation.

Mr. Hoover has many admirable qualities, but to elect any man president who has not voted for 15 years, who has no experience in statesmanship, and who hardly knows what party he belongs to, would be to do something the wisdom of which is questionable.

ROAD UP SIXES.

A petition from this section will be presented to the County court this week asking that the county road up Sixes river be extended about two miles from where it now terminates at the Divelbiss place. At the present time the settlers above this place travel the river bed which is impassible for teams during the most of the winter months. And not only are the settlers along the river entitled to a better road, but the big development work being done further up the river at the Inman mines entitles that company to some recognition from the county in the way of good roads.

The announcement of Floyd J. Huntley for the Republican nomination as Sheriff will be found in this issue of the TRIBUNE. Mr. Huntley is a home boy, having been born and raised at the county seat where he now resides. He is an ex-service man, having seen over-seas duty in the late war, and he has the qualifications to fill with efficiency the position he seeks.

For 2-Mill School Tax

A bulletin has been issued to County Chairmen of the campaign in behalf of the 2 mill tax measure for state aid to all local school districts on a 'Teacher per Pupil' basis.

Reports are coming from all parts of the state showing that many people have not heard of the two mill tax measure for the elementary schools and that a majority of those who do know that such a bill is to be voted upon May 21st do not understand its provisions.

Thus far there has been no opposition after the bill has been carefully explained. These points should therefore be made clear to every voter:

1. The measure provides for a levy of two mills on the dollar on all taxable property of the state for the support of the public elementary schools. Elementary means the first eight grades. A tax will be levied for the first time in December 1920, and then annually thereafter. It is not retroactive. The language of the bill is perfectly clear on this point.

The tax is to be on all taxable property of the state. The only general tax now levied for the public elementary schools is the tax which the law required each county to levy for a county school fund. This tax produces an average of about one fourth of the money required by the public schools. Last year it was nearly twenty six and five tenths. Nearly seventy per cent of the school funds are raised by local district tax. This means that all of the property not organized into school districts does practically nothing in support of public schools. All one-teacher districts that have a high valuation need to levy one tenth to one-half mill for maintenance, while the city districts of low valuation are paying from five to fifteen mills tax.

2. The fund raised by this two-mill tax will be known as the state Elementary School fund; and each county will receive from this fund the exact amount which it pays into the fund.

The bill in effect raises the unit for school taxation from the district to the county, in order to correct the inequalities above explained.

3. Each county will apportion its share of the state elementary school fund among the school districts of the county in proportion to the number of elementary teachers employed therein, provided that the number of teachers shall not exceed one teacher for every thirty pupils thereof.

The money is to be apportioned upon the teacher basis because before the bill was prepared each county superintendent was asked to figure for his county all the different ways of supporting this fund. After doing so the superintendents agreed that the teacher basis would be the most equitable plan.

Reports on file in the office of state Superintendent J. A. Churchill show that not less than five hundred positions will be vacant next year if the bill fails to pass. Nearly all districts of low valuation have reached the limit in local levies.

For these reasons parents should be made to understand that the elementary schools, especially the small district schools, will be hopelessly crippled for the next few years if this bill fails.

Trespass Notice.

ALL PERSONS are hereby warned not to trespass upon the homestead claims of Lester K. Hutton, Lawrence P. Hutton and Frank W. Helmick - in Secs. 21, 26 and 28, Tp. 31 S., R. 14 W., W. M., for the purpose of hunting or otherwise. Any person or persons so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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and
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Political Announcements

The announcements of candidates seeking nomination to office will be published in this column until after primary election in May 21st.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

I herewith respectfully announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Joint Representative, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Coos and Curry counties, and should I be nominated and elected to that office I pledge a faithful discharge of its duties to the best of my ability.

Respectfully
J. F. HOPKINS.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Curry county, Ore., subject to the will of the majority of the republican voters as expressed at the Primary Election to be held in May. Should I be nominated and elected I will use my best efforts and judgment in law enforcement in the future as I have in the past.

Respectfully Yours,
W. M. TOLMAN.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

My name as candidate for the office of County School Superintendent of Curry county is hereby submitted to the legal Republican voters, subject to their decision at the Primaries to be held in May. Should I be nominated and elected I promise to render the same efficient service as in the past.

Yours respectfully
W. M. KENT.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Curry county, Oregon, as expressed at the coming Primary Nominating Election.

F. J. HUNTLEY.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

This is to announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney. If I am elected I will do my duty as I see it.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

My name, as candidate for the office of Clerk of Curry County, Oregon, is hereby submitted to the Republican voters, subject to their decision at the coming Primary Nominating election.

ARTHUR G. WALKER.

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Including Bronze Turkeys, Toulouse Geese and Chickens - White Wyandottes, Barred Rocks, Buff Orpingtons, R. I. Reds, S. S. Hamburgs, Silver Campines, Brown Leghorns, Aeneas, Blue Andalusians and Minoccas.

Hillside View Poultry Ranch
George Bement, Prop'r.
Denmark, Ore.

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Siles, Ore.

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Advertisement for Bandon Hardware Comp'y, Oregon, featuring a 'Spring is Coming' theme and listing various hardware and building materials.

Advertisement for Sidwell & Sabin, Dealers in General Merchandise, offering fresh groceries and mens' furnishings.

Advertisement for 'We Cure Cripples' at The Port Orford Garage, specializing in car repairs and restoration.

Advertisement for Hotel Seaside, Open Under New Management, offering board by day, week, or month.