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**BIG INTERESTS PROTECTED.**

A general decline in the price of nearly all commodities is sweeping the country. It is a hopeful sign of a return to more normal conditions. However, one cannot help but notice several things in connection therewith. The reduction in prices is not coming as quickly as the raise did, and, furthermore, it comes at a time when the crops of the country are being marketed—a guarantee that the profiteers are not going to be hurt.

In commenting along similar lines, showing how the affairs of the country are run for the benefit of the big interests, last week's Myrtle Point American very truthfully says:

"During the war the people were urged to buy Liberty Bonds 'till it hurt', and they bought, but to see their purchases depreciate in value to ten per cent or more, and at that when they were only bearing 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. Recently the government has been issuing new securities bearing 6 per cent and which are likely to be maintained at their full face value, but the people got no chance to buy. They were all picked up by the big financiers and the issue over-subscribed in less than half a day. All of which may be all right, but before the country is again compelled to call on the people to back it 'till it hurts', the people may want some things like these explained even if they cannot be changed."

**COMPULSORY VOTING.**

One of the measures at the election next month is known as the Compulsory Voting Act. This measure provides a penalty for the citizen who, without a valid excuse, fails to exercise the right of franchise.

While the TRIBUNE believes every man and woman who have the privilege of voting should consider it their sacred duty to do so and that he who fails to do so, thereby fails in the discharge of one of his highest public duties, nevertheless we question the wisdom of forcing all voters to the polls regardless of their wishes.

The man or woman who will not go to the polls voluntarily and vote, does not, as a rule, take enough interest in public affairs to cast an intelligent vote if compelled to exercise that privilege. This being the case, compulsory voting would have a tendency to lower the standard of our state as a voting unit.

It may be argued that a greater interest would be taken in public affairs if everyone knew they had to vote, but this contention is theoretical and not borne out by facts in parallel cases.

Let the voter who doesn't take enough interest in the public welfare to come out of his own free will and vote stay at home—the state and nation is better off with him there.

**ROAD SHOULD BE GRAVELED.**

The market road up Elk river will be completed shortly. The roadbed is but 12 feet wide and nearly all the distance the road runs through soft ground. If opened to travel this winter it will soon become practically one long mudhole cut full of deep ruts.

It would be an economical move to close this road to travel until it can be graveled. If it is used this winter without graveled, it will take considerable money to put it back in good condition again. Gravel is very convenient and can be put on the road at a minimum cost.

**NOTICE OF BOND SALE.**

Said bids will be received until the hour of five o'clock P. M., the first day of December, 1920, by the undersigned and immediately thereafter be publicly opened by the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, at the office of said Court in the County Court House in Gold Beach, Oregon, for the purchase of Bonds of said County issued for the building of permanent roads therein in the sum of \$20,000.00, same being in denominations of \$1,000.00 or \$500.00 each, at the option of the purchaser, numbered from one upwards, dated July 1, 1920, and maturing July first 1924, said bonds to bear interest at not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on Jan. 1st and July 1st principal and interest payable in United States Gold Coin at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City at the option of the holder.

Said bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the face value of the bonds bid for and must be unconditional.

The approving legal opinion of Messrs. Teal, Minor and Winfree, of Portland, Oregon, will be furnished the successful bidder.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**Coyote Plan is Considered.**

That the logical way to rid Coos and Curry counties of the destructive coyote,—the predatory animal that is becoming a serious menace to the live stock industry in these two counties—is through the biological survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is in the opinion of H. B. Steiner of Sixes, secretary of the Oregon Mohair Goat association. Mr. Steiner has investigated the work of this department in ridding sections of the Northwest of the predatory animals and he feels certain that a similar campaign waged here would be far more effective than the present high bounty method as they have in Curry.

Having taken the matter up with Stanley G. Jewet, predatory animal inspector of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey, Mr. Steiner has received the following letter, which is of interest on this subject:

"I was pleased to receive yours of July 30 and can tell you I am very interested in your plan of getting some legislation thru the next session that will help to destroy the predatory animals of the stock range in this state.

"During the last session of the legislature, an appropriation of \$25,000 was asked for to be used in cooperation with the Biological Survey in the eradication of the predatory animals and noxious rodents. A few of the old bounty advocates opposed the bill, but finally it was passed in the sum of \$10,000, to be used in this work during 1919 and 1920. The amount was cut in two, \$5,000, being devoted to rodent eradication work and \$5,000 for predatory eradication. This \$5,000 was turned over to the state Live Stock and Sanitary Board, to be expended under my direction. As you can readily see, \$2,500 a year for two years is a pretty small amount to be used in organized work, compared to the \$100,000 that was spent during the year in bounties.

"The state of Utah has eliminated the bounty system entirely and appropriated \$100,000 for organized work in cooperation with our Bureau. The money is expended under the direction of the the Predatory Animal Inspector of the state and from all I can learn, very creditable results are being obtained. The states of Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas have appropriated sums ranging from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

"If the next session of the Oregon legislature can see fit to divert some of this bounty money into a fund for some organized work, I feel sure that better results will be secured. I am enclosing a copy of a letter just received from Dr. Lytle who has charge of the state appropriation at the present time. In his letter, he suggests a \$25,000 appropriation. If this could be put through entirely for predatory animal control, it would be enough so that we could really carry out the campaign, but if it is to be divided equally between rodent and predatory animal work, it will be rather a small sum for me to work with. There is some advantage in having an appropriation go through for both branches of the work but if it must go through combined I think not less than \$40,000, should be asked for to cover the two years work. With this amount, together with some cooperation in the

way of horse feed and old domestic animals for bait, I feel confident that we could make a big showing towards the elimination of coyotes from Oregon within a very few years. One thing is certain that with all the hundreds of thousands of dollars paid out in bounties the last few years throughout the state a very poor showing has been made.

"It is my opinion that just as soon as you people of Curry County start paying a bounty of \$75 each for coyotes, half the hunters of the Northwest will be shipping pelts into your county for the bounty. However, this is entirely out of my jurisdiction as I have nothing what ever to say as to whether or not it should be paid.

"If you care to get in touch with stockmen on whose ranges we have carried on organized work, I suggest that you write E. F. Bensen, Olynix, Washington, K. O. Kohler of Ellensburg, Washington, Stanley Coffin, Yakima, Wash., Dan Smyth, Pendleton, Ore., W. H. Brennan, Paulina, Ore., or the Commissioner of Agriculture, Olympia Wash., or Dr. W. H. Lytle at Salem, Oregon. If there is anything else along

this line I can do for you, kindly let us know as naturally, I am very much interested in whatever may be done."

**To The People of Curry County.**

I shall cause my name to be placed on the ballot at the General Election this fall as an independent candidate for the office of District Attorney of this county.

I am a Republican and would have favored the contest at the Primary Election, but was unable to do so on account of the serious illness of my wife.

I have been engaged in the practice of law for the past five years at Gold Beach, Oregon, except during the time away as a soldier in the World's War, and have been engaged in the active practice of law in Oregon for more than 25 years.

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