

## ARGUMENTS ON SPECIAL ELECTION

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tatives, thirtieth legislative assembly special session, 1920, in behalf of Crook and Curry Counties Bonding Amendment.

Crook County, Oregon, is asking relief in regard to her indebtedness in the way of issuing bonds to cover the warrants outstanding; within the past few years two counties, Jefferson and Deschutes, have been created out of Crook county, thus greatly reducing her taxable property and leaving Crook county with considerable indebtedness.

It would be an act of justice to permit Crook county to issue bonds and take up the outstanding warrants thus putting the county on a cash basis instead of issuing warrants for her needs and having them discounted.

On official ballot, Nos. 316 and 311 argument affirmative.

Submitted by R. S. Bean, president of the board of regents of the University of Oregon; J. K. Weatherford president of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Ben W. Oleott, president of the board of regents of the Oregon Normal School.

A financial crisis is upon the Oregon Agricultural College, the State University and the Oregon Normal School. It is due to causes over which they have no control. Upon this crisis, the joint ways and means committee of the last legislature held a hearing. The committee found the three institutions in desperate need. It found the emergency so great that relief should be given now. It found that they should not even wait until next year. Accordingly it recommended to the legislature an additional levy of 1.25 mills for support, beginning in 1921, and an appropriation of like amount for this year alone. The legislature itself was barred by the six per cent tax limitation from making the levy and appropriation, so it referred the bill to the people, and directed that space be set aside in this pamphlet to explain the facts to the voters. The voters are to decide May 21, and as many of the facts as can be contained in three pages will now be set forth.

On official ballot, Nos. 312 and 313, argument affirmative.

Submitted by the joint committee of the senate and house of representatives of the thirtieth legislative assembly, special session, 1920, in behalf of Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Educational Aid Revenue Bill.

The Soldier, sailor and marine educational law enacted by the people one year ago has been taken advantage of by more returned soldiers than the authors of the bill anticipated.

The annual appropriation of two-tenths of a mill on the total taxable property of the state which the voters authorized at the special election June 3, 1919, for the purpose of aiding the ex-service men in educational work will produce in 1920 the sum of \$198,087.09. This is all the money available under the provisions of the present laws for the purpose of paying the aid authorized by the state. Under the terms of the law, a maximum of \$200 is allowed each ex-service man annually in the pursuit of educational work. It was supposed that there would not be to exceed 1,500 ex-service men apply for aid, and that the \$198,087 produced annually under the present provisions would be more than sufficient to cover all of the aid asked for by returned service men; and further, that not all of the applicants would ask aid for the entire year. Instead of such being the case, there has been filed with the secretary of state, more than 3,700 applications for state aid, under the terms of the law so generously enacted by the people of Oregon at the special election, June 3, 1919. It seems that there yet will be many more who will take advantage of the law and pursue courses of study in the various educational institutions throughout the state.

On official ballot, Nos. 314 and 315, argument affirmative.

Submitted by the secretary-treasurer of the Oregon State Teacher's Association in behalf of State Elementary School Fund Tax Bill.

At a time when the very foundations of our democracy are shaking, our schools are facing a great crisis. With a shortage of 100,000 teachers in the United States, 500 in Oregon, including those temporarily employed but wholly unfit, the supply of new teachers required each year, about 1200 in Oregon, is appallingly inadequate, both in number and in quality. When strong men and women are needed as teachers as never before, many who have invested years of their lives in a service they love and in which they have proved their worth are leaving because they cannot make a living. Under such conditions it is not strange that the average young man or woman of ability is refusing to enter upon a course of training for an occupation with so little promise, underpaid, unappreciated, discontented teachers, smarting under a sense of injustice, can not be expected to keep up their morale even in work whose appeal to one's nobler nature is most like parenthood.

On official ballot, Nos. 316 and 317, argument affirmative.

Submitted by J. F. Myers, principal, school for the sightless, Portland, Oregon, in behalf of the Blind School Tax Measure.

For the sake of the 500 adult blind in Oregon who can be helped to become self supporting I ask votes for the bill proposing a small tax for an Oregon employment institution for the blind, to be located in Portland. Such an institution will be like a ray of light in the darkness to the sightless of this state.

For a cool place to get a cool drink call at Howard's. Paid adv.

## ALL THE FACTS ON CROOK-CURRY BILL

(By Judge N. G. Wallace.)

A measure of supreme importance to Crook County will be on the ballot at the primary, May 21st, namely the Crook-Curry Bond Amendment to the Constitution.

It may seem that a great many of Crook county do not understand the nature of this amendment nor the conditions making it imperative that it pass. This amendment is in the nature of an enabling act, that is, it simply permits, if it becomes a part of the constitution of the State, Crook and Curry counties, either or both to submit to the people the question of issuing bonds to take up the present outstanding warrants of the county. Under the measure neither county could issue bonds for this purpose in excess of two per cent of the

assessed valuation. This means that Crook county could, in case the people of the county deemed it advisable, issue approximately one hundred thousand dollars in bonds in lieu of that much warrant indebtedness. If this measure carries over the entire state, it will be necessary for the people to approve a bond issue before it could be had. If it carries, it is the purpose of the county court of Crook County to submit to the people at the general election this fall the question of issuing bonds in lieu of the warrants now outstanding.

We now have outstanding about one hundred thousand dollars in general fund warrants. This is a direct result of dividing the county into three instead of one county. At each county division it was necessary under the law, for old Crook county to assume and pay all the indebtedness outstanding at the time of the division. When Deschutes county was cut off, it carried 62 per cent of the values and left the old county in the hole about one hundred thousand

and dollars. These warrants draw six per cent interest and are discounted at the banks about five per cent. In many county purchases, this discount is added to the price, and in this way the county is paying eleven per cent interest. There is not a set of men in the county who can run the government under the present laws and pay even the interest on these warrants. Last year we paid the State better than eighteen thousand dollars as State Taxes; this year we are paying better than twenty-six thousand dollars State Taxes, and we have nothing to say as to the amount. Other items over which we have no control have also been increased. In levying taxes each year, and as the matter now stands, warrants drawing interest, items of expense mounting, we will never be able to pay off these warrants without relief from some source.

This relief can only come in one way, namely, issue bonds to take up these warrants or else by vote of the people of the county levy a special

tax to do so. If the proposed amendment carries we will be enabled, in case the people of the county approve the proposition this fall, to issue bonds to draw not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable in say five to twenty years, and spread this indebtedness over a period of twenty years at a rate of interest not higher than we already pay, get the money, pay off these warrants, place the county on a cash basis and then remain out of debt. If we handle it by a special levy, we must either levy enough in one year to take care of it or else hold an election each year on the question of a special levy. It is expensive to hold elections in this county and then the court would never know just what to depend upon in making the regular levy. If there was a better way to handle this desperate situation than to sell bonds, then it should be brought forward by some interested taxpayer. The situation has been gone over carefully by the county court and no suggestion has been made for a different method of handling it.

As the matter stands to-day your county court is absolutely helpless in the situation, and unless this measure carries we have a period of many years ahead of us in which it will be a continual struggle with the finances of the county and great unnecessary expense to the taxpayers.

### CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The following is the program and the Class Roll of the Graduating Class.

PROGRAMME	
Opening .....	Orchestra
Invocation .....	Rev. Thos. M. Patterson
Salutatory .....	E. Hackleman
Vocal Solo .....	Roy Clark
Oration .....	Wistar Rosenberg
Piano Solo .....	Miss Crager
Oration .....	R. Mulholland
Quartet .....	Roy Clark, Wallace Cannon, Wistar Rosenberg, Eric Laughlin
Class Prophecy .....	Harold Davis
Class Will .....	Eric Laughlin
Vocal Solo .....	Wallace Cannon
Valedictorian .....	Eather Adamson
Presentation Diplomas .....	Prof. E. E. Evans
Closing .....	Orchestra

Those graduating at this time are:

CLASS ROLL	
Mary E. Jones	Eugene D. Miller
Harold J. Lister	Beryl Davis
Eric L. Laughlin	Glenn Stanton
Harold E. Davis	Harold E. Gray
Jessie H. Forrester	Charles Ford Wynan
Ruth Mulholland	Faye F. Elliott
Darrel J. Mills	Eleanor B. Hackleman
Hilda M. Breeding	Wilma H. Roberts
Orval V. Hayes	Jenaveve M. McKinnon
Eather Adamson	Veronica Breen
Amanda Harris	Andrew Breen
M. Elisabeth Hiney	John Wistar Rosenberg
Zenda Hendrickson	Wallace Cannon
ROY V. CLARK, Class President.	

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President Carranza of Mexico, who has been obliged to flee from the City of Mexico, owing to its capture by the revolutionists.

## DANIELS REPLIES TO ADMIRAL SIMS

Washington.—Secretary Daniels, before the senate investigating committee Monday, made his long awaited reply to the criticisms of Rear Admiral Sims on the navy's part in the war.

The naval secretary let go a broadside, which included charges that Sims lacked vision, that he belittled the work of the American navy in contrast to the British, coveted British decorations and aspired to become an honorary member of the British admiralty. He declared that officers supporting the Sims charges were largely "people with a grievance."

The testimony of other officers, in possession of first hand knowledge, Secretary Daniels testified, "should be accepted by all open-minded men as an absolute refutation of virtually all of Admiral Sims' charges."

Sims, Secretary Daniels told the committee, did not measure up to expectations in various ways, of which he mentioned six, as follows:

"He lacked vision to see that a great and new project to bar the submarines from their hunting grounds should be promptly adopted and carried out, no matter what the cost or how radical the departure from what ultra-prudent men regarded as impracticable.

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