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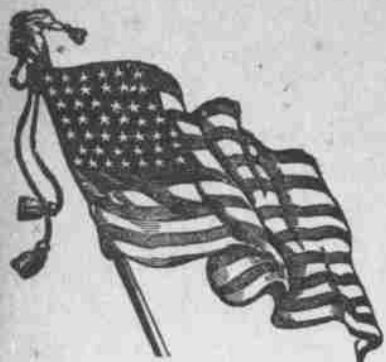
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Flag of the free heart's hope and home! By Angels' hands to valor given; Thy stars have lit the welkin dome, And all thy hues were born in Heaven. Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us. With Freedom's soil beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us.

—JOSEPH DRAKE.



A NATION'S GREATNESS:—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Proverbs 14:34

MAJORITY RULE.

ON Tuesday next the voters of Oregon City will decide the long disputed location of the new city hall. There will be the choice of two sites offered to the voters—the site at the corner of Seventh and John Adams streets, across from Liberty Park, and the present site on Main street, opposite the Bannan Company's store.

Arguments are advanced with equal fervor for both sites. The proponents of the hill site urging, primarily, their choice as a matter of protection to the home section, while the downtown advocates urge their choice as a matter of protection to business, and both sides aver that the matter of lower insurance, depending upon location, is problematical.

The hill section argues further, that the eighty-five per cent of the people matter protection to business, and both sides aver that the matter of lower growth and development, which the location of the hall in their midst will stimulate. They maintain, too, that an auditorium, impossible of construction on the downtown site, is essential to the progress of the city, and that their choice of site is the more economical, as it can be purchased for \$5,000, while the downtown site is worth \$15,000 more than this amount for business purposes.

Whatever may be the outcome of the vote, there should be willing acknowledgment of majority rule by both sides. The result will not lessen the demand for co-operation of all the business interests of the WHOLE city. Sectional, business and social prejudices are only destructive. They block progress. They engender only hatred and contempt.

Voters should read and consider with open mind this question in the light of future progress and unity of the entire community, and abide agreeably by the preference expressed at the ballot box on Tuesday next.

A CIVIC INVESTMENT.

OREGON CITY taxpayers and other voters will find on the city ballot a proposed amendment to the city charter, authorizing the council to levy an annual tax not to exceed three mills, to pay principal and interest on fire department bonds and to maintain the paid fire department. This is one mill more than is now levied for the maintenance of the department and will raise about \$3,184 more than is now raised for this purpose. The purpose of the additional sum is to employ a fourth regular fireman and to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the department more rapidly than is now possible. This additional payment is estimated at \$1,600 to \$1,700 per year.

That the fire department should have more funds than provided under the two mill tax is admitted by all those who have investigated its needs. To reduce the bonded debt more rapidly than now possible is good business. The department is of first importance to the city and the best civic investment ever made. And to properly support it at the polls as elsewhere, is an important duty.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VOTER.

IN the state, county and city elections of this year, as in other years, there is excellent material among the candidates to select from. The choice under our system of balloting is open and free to every voter. The result then will depend upon the individual judgment and courage of the man or woman at the ballot box.

The quality of the executive, legislature, judiciary and other departments of the government are the reflection of the intelligence and will of the individuals who place them in power. There is then, no escape from individual responsibility of the voter for the personnel of the officials elected.

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The duty of every citizen entitled to the franchise to go to the polls and exercise his or her privilege and duty in the election of the most efficient and reliable candidates is imperative. To remain away from the polls or to vote unintelligently and with biased opinion is inexcusable and wrong.

A SUGGESTION.

THE Live Wires will not hear the "committee's" recall manager expounding the charges of the recall in their august and assembled presence. Their anticipation is rudely shocked by the information that the manager does not believe they "are interested in hearing both sides of the question."

The Banner-Courier asks permission to make a suggestion, evidently overlooked, to-wit: That the Live Wires arrange for joint discussion between the contestant and contested—Hon. F. D. Shank and Judge Harvey E. Cross.

A radio has been suggested for a "broadcast" to "headquarters."

SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY.

WHEN the smoke of political battle shall have cleared away after the differences engendered by the various campaign issues and to rally to the support of representative men and women who will be the choice of the electorate. Such is the spirit of true democracy and a fundamental of American liberty.

THE PEOPLE'S SAY

Cherryville, Ore., Oct. 24, 1922.

The Banner-Courier, Oregon City, Ore. Dear Editor:

In reading so much of the recall of County Judge H. E. Cross, and the evidence as the recall committee calls it against him, and then also on reading further on of Percy T. Shelly being manager of the recall campaign, it keeps one busy wondering what next will happen and when.

A little over five years ago when my husband's brother was dying we sent by our stage driver, to our nearest town for a notary to come right up immediately to attend to some important business. We sent for a Mr. Pomeroy, who was notary at the time. He happened to be in Portland and would not be back till that night, so the driver left word for him, to come as it was very important. In the meantime he met Percy T. Shelly on the street and mentioned the matter to him, and he offered to take Pomeroy's place and come up right away and attend to matters, not to wait for Pomeroy, and also leave word for Pomeroy that he needn't come, that "we" had gotten some one else, etc. The stage driver told us of the change in the program, when he passed with the mail that afternoon, and altho we waited and waited, he never came, and the brother died before morning, leaving every thing unsettled. When my husband went to Sandy the next day to get the casket, he saw this same Shelly amusing himself at a game of cards, all business forgotten. When he was asked why he didn't come, he said the roads were too bad to travel at night, and that he was going to come sometime in the forenoon of that day. But you see it was too late. But it did not worry him any. Why should it? Wasn't it the road's fault? Afterwards, rather the same day, we found that he had not the right to perform

as a notary, but he was going to bring along some one who could, and he was going to charge us \$20.00 for the trip. If any one thinks this is a made up piece of grudge on my part, I can prove that it was just the reverse, for the man that drove stage at that time is still alive, and the man that was to bring Shelly up here, is within reach also. And when you see, the committee put a man like that in as manager of the recall campaign, what sort of people are those that are working with him one wonders? Was that the best manager they could get, or is it just only that sort that will take the leadership? Now about Judge Cross. Altho I have never met him personally, I wish to show anyway that he is certainly a gentleman, and does take an interest in other people's troubles, altho the recall committee has said otherwise. Early last spring, when a troublesome problem that had bothered us got so that it seemed there was no answer to it, I was advised to go to Judge Cross, and ask his advice. It was impossible to go at the time, so I wrote to him. He went into the matter thoroughly, and wrote the kindest letter, giving the best advice he could. And he stated that if we couldn't see our way clear, after hearing from him, to come down and talk things over personally. There was no \$20.00 in that for him, still he was willing to listen and advise us in our trouble.

My husband has been road supervisor up here for the last two years, and every time he has gone down to see Judge Cross, he always saw him, and no matter how busy the judge was, he always took time to talk over the roads, and other matters. So I don't think it is quite true that the judge doesn't listen to other people's troubles.

That this recall is based purely on spite, is common knowledge. Why the rest of the county should turn against the judge just because one of our commissioners ran like a dry creek in the primary election, is a mystery to me. If these recall campaigners will be truthful and honest with them-

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Candidates for Governor

When a candidate for public office makes a campaign promising what he will do if elected, it is fitting and proper that the voter examine the public records to ascertain whether or not the candidate's record squares with his campaign promises. In the present campaign Candidate Pierce professes to be the apostle of lower taxes.

Mr. Pierce's Record

- 1. Of the \$9,376,000 of state taxes for 1922, Mr. Pierce specifically approved \$2,854,039. This is 30.44 per cent of the total. Mr. Pierce had no opportunity to vote on the other 8 per cent, as he was not a member of the legislature when it was up for vote.
2. He voted for 57 per cent of all tax appropriation bills of the 1919 session of the legislature, and for all the appropriation bills of the special session of 1920.
3. The State Highway Commission now works without pay. Mr. Pierce introduced a bill to pay the commissioners \$12,000 a year.
4. He voted to submit a bond issue of \$400,000 for a new penitentiary. Governor Olcott has repaired the old one with convict labor at no tax expense.
5. Mr. Pierce claims he wishes to relieve real estate of the tax burden; yet he is the author of a bill submitted to the legislature which would exempt from all taxation moneys, notes, credits and accounts.
6. In the last few years he voted for 185 salary increases.
7. He voted against the bills to consolidate the state bureaus and commissions.
8. He introduced a bill providing for the most elaborate commission any state ever had. He specifically provided "to secure every citizen of Oregon an opportunity at all times to work for the state," and provided a \$5,000 salary for the head of the commission. This bill was purely Socialist.
9. In the 1917, 1919 and 1920 sessions of the legislature there were appropriation bills introduced totaling \$10,552,000. Of these Senator Pierce voted for \$10,075,000.
Measured by every standard, Mr. Pierce is the most consistent little tax booster the state of Oregon ever had.

Mr. Olcott's Record

- 1. He introduced a change in the state secretary's report which has saved the state many thousands of dollars since 1919.
2. His renovation of the penitentiary saved the state nearly half a million dollars.
3. He secured funds for a training school building for the Boys' Institute without a single dollar or additional taxes.
4. He is the originator of the Oregon Blue Sky Law, which saves the Oregon people millions of dollars annually.
5. He was responsible for the stopping of junketing trips by state officials at state expense.
6. He secured the passage of a budget law effecting large economies in the state government, which could not otherwise be accomplished.
7. The change in the State Sessions Law, recommended by him, saves the state \$10,000 a year.
8. He has been universally commended for the excellence of his official appointments.
9. He is responsible for changes in the administration of the state farms, which this year brought returns of \$481,000 into the state.
10. He has shown himself, by his acts, a friend of the ex-service men, has warmly supported the bonus measure, and has administered the law in the interest of the ex-service men with honesty and efficiency.
11. He has taken the first real constructive step in the equalization of the state tax situation by the appointment of a committee of experts to investigate and report to the legislature the entire scope of the tax problem in this state, thus assuring that any changes to be made will be made along sane, conservative and constructive lines, which give far more promise of securing results than demagogic bewailing and idle campaign promises such as are being made by the non-partisan candidate of the Democratic party, especially in the light of his record as the champion tax producer of the state of Oregon.

Vote for Olcott for GOVERNOR

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 62 of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at Oregon City High School on the 24th day of November, 1922, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of discussing the budget hereinafter set out with the levying board, and to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax

The total amount of money needed by the said school district during the fiscal year beginning on June 13, 1922, and ending June 30, 1923, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, elementary school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Table with columns: Item, No., Total. Includes Personal Services (Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, etc.), Material and Supplies, Maintenance and Repairs, Assessments, Indebtedness, Insurance, Miscellaneous. Total estimated amount of money for all purposes during the year: \$87,598.20

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Table with columns: Source, Amount. Includes From county school fund, From state school fund, From elementary school fund, Estimated amount to be received from all other sources during the coming school year. Total estimated receipts, not including proposed tax: \$42,043.34

Total estimated expenses for the year: \$87,598.20. Total estimated receipts, not including proposed tax: \$42,043.34. Balance, amount to be raised by district tax: \$45,554.86

Dated this 28th day of October, 1922.

Attest: A. C. HOWLAND, District Clerk.

O. A. PAGE, Chairman Board of Directors.

'Say it with Flowers'