

30-10 SCHOOL PLAN UP TO VOTERS SOON

Proponents of Measure Are Well Organized.

EXTRAVAGANCE IS SEEN

Taxpayers Warn Against Tax Rise and Educators Assert Proposed System Not Needed.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 7.—

The 30-10 plan of raising and distributing money for school purposes will come before the voters of Washington in the election of November 7 as initiative measure No. 46. Since the time when that measure was first introduced upon them the voters of this state have wrestled with numerous measures proposed by means of the initiative.

30-10 Plan Widely Known.

The 30-10 plan for providing a current state school fund, as its title runs, presents a case running current with the times. There is no excuse for lack of understanding as to what this measure means; that is to say, there is no excuse if the voters do not wish to listen to the ample argument on either side of the question. Not since the day that the prohibition was at issue has so much been offered in positive support and in equally positive opposition to proposed state law. It is true, as this as of many previous proposals, that the great majority of voters will not take the trouble to find out exactly what is involved in the proposition or reflection. But that is the fault of the great majority of voters, and not of the proponents or opponents of the law.

Measure's Purpose Told.

The 30-10 measure proposes that the state shall raise by taxation the sum of \$30 a year for every child of school age in the state and that the school district shall raise by district taxation \$10 for every child resident within each district. The money thus raised is to be spent wholly on the educational machinery, on the daily processes of teaching and learning. None of it goes to the total fund to be apportioned to the counties, on the basis of school attendance; the other half is to be apportioned on the basis of the number of teachers employed. The fund is to be created in the ratio of 30 to 10; it is to be expended in the ratio of 50 to 50—one-half to the school children and one-half to the school teachers.

Most Points in Dispute.

There are a few points involved in initiative No. 46 which are not subject to dispute. The basis of the proposed tax levy is not school attendance. The law proposes that the state tax shall equal \$30 for each child of school age residing within the state, and school age is fixed from 4 to 21 years.

Increase Discussion Avoided.

The argument in favor of the 30-10 measure has been given by the newspapers and as appended to the text of the measure in the official pamphlet distributed to voters by the secretary of state, very obviously avoids direct discussion of this considerable increase in taxation and stresses the educational benefits called "the poorer school districts." The official argument inserted in the secretary of state's pamphlet declares that "the measure is to give to every child in Washington, regardless of the accident of birth in a rich or poorer school district, his American birthright—at equal chance in the public schools. Children who live in poor communities are denied the educational opportunities afforded children who live in rich communities."

Aid to Remote Schools, Plan.

The whole argument in favor of the measure is based on an appreciation of the educational needs of remote and thinly populated districts of the state. Instances are cited of districts which, having tax themselves to the legal limit, still find themselves unable to provide convenient schools for the children of scattered families. The inference is that under the initiative No. 46 would pool the financial resources of the state and of all school districts and put schools and teachers within handy distance of every home in the state.

Opponents of the measure meet this argument by citing the fact that of the 2600 school districts in the state less than 3 per cent are in need of relief or can be classed as "poorer" districts. They say that every advantage now enjoyed by the so-called richer districts can be extended to those poorer districts at an annual cost of less than \$200,000, which can be made available under the existing system of school taxation. It is naturally questioned the expediency of increasing state taxes by so huge a total as \$2,750,000.

The support of initiative No. 46 is

well and thoroughly organized and financed. The movement, from its inception, has been under the shrewd direction of a committee of teachers headed by Eben W. Sweetman of Seattle. Sponsorship has been assumed by the Washington State Parent-Teachers' association and the Washington Education association, the latter an exclusive teachers' organization. The measure has been endorsed by the State League of Women Voters, the State Federation of Women's Clubs and the State Federation of Labor. The supporting argument is keyed to the general plea that nothing is too good for the schools. It is sentimental in the same sense that every argument advanced in connection with the schools is sentimental, whether it be for higher teachers' pay or for a bond issue for a new school building.

Taxpayers Oppose Plan.

The opposition, much less closely organized, consists at large of all the taxpayers' organizations and commercial bodies of the state which are striving for reduced governmental costs and lower taxes. Dr. Penrose and Mrs. Josephine Corlie Fraston, state superintendent of public instruction, are among the leading educators opposed to the measure. The taxing and commercial bodies of the state against the proposed increase in taxation; the educators condemn the measure as both extravagant and unnecessary.

In addition to this opposition there is one other great difficulty in the way of the promoters of the 30-10 plan. This is the difficulty of convincing the voters that an educational emergency exists in this state. Washington is rated rather high among the states of the union in educational facilities and in the very slight proportion of illiteracy. This rating stood even before the state's proportion of school taxes was doubled two years ago. That any sudden occasion should have arisen since 1920 for another tax increase amounting to 50 per cent or \$3,750,000 a year, is not easy for voters to believe, even under the sway of impulse to do everything that ought to be done for the schools.

CHURCHES FIGHT FIRES

SERMONS TO DEAL WITH PREVENTION WORK.

Week of Propaganda to Be Kept Up Throughout 7-Day Period All Over City.

Fire prevention week in Portland will open today with sermons based on the subject in many of the churches. For the remainder of the week fire prevention will be the principal topic, and every citizen will be urged to lend an effort towards continuing Portland's established record as the best of any city on the Pacific slope.

Of principal importance tomorrow night will be an entertainment at the public auditorium, with excellent musical features, some short addresses, a play which shows the Portland fire department in action, and the presentation of the Thomas H. L. Ince cup to the Portland fire department by Jay Stevens, who is in charge of the fire prevention bureau of the national underwriters' association. Portland won this cup for having the best fire prevention record on the Pacific slope during the last year.

School children will participate in the campaign. Each child attending school will get a questionnaire to be taken home and filled out. This form will deal with conditions in the home and past experience has proved that many fire hazards have been removed through the work of the youngsters.

SIGNAL SYSTEM BLAMED

Railway Inspector Reports on Recent Spokane Wreck.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 7.—The system whereby a switch engine was on the main line of the Northern Pacific track at Yardley, near here, on the night of September 7 last, when through passenger train No. 41 collided with it and was wrecked with a loss of six lives of company employees, is blamed in a report of state investigators received from Olympia today.

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Through it, the beauties of formal hair-dressing are made available for every-day wear—without the expense or the time hitherto necessary for composing the "dress" coiffure. The effectiveness of this service depends on the deftness of our hair-dressing experts in originating artistic coiffures which, by the adjustment of a curl, the placing of a side wave, or the twisting of a wisp-like switch, produce a smart, attractive arrangement of the hair.

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NEW METHOD URGED IN OREGON HISTORY

Study State's Progress Is Advice to Teachers.

CHILD INTEREST GROWS

Pamphlet Dealing With Early Days in Northwest Issued by Superintendent.

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Teach the history of Oregon rather than lead the child through a hoary recitatives to strange and national fields, was the advice given by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, in a pamphlet issued here recently for the guidance of instructors in all the schools of the state.

Oregon History Interesting.

"One reason for this is that children are carried afar for their first history study, to distant national fields instead of being directed from their family doorsteps to the bountiful home harvest of local history. "The Oregon story is a wonderful story. During the early years of our national life Indian tales of rich western land bordering on the Pacific ocean, rumors of a mighty river of the west rolling through continuous woods to the sea, stirred the imagination of settlers east of the Mississippi. In poetry and in anecdote they called the region Oregon. Only did they arrive in Oregon when an unfriendly fur company and hostile Indians began to contest their right to call this country "home." But they persevered in the struggle against foe and forest, and after years of discouragement and sacrifice they won. Under the "beacon man's" resolute hand the trapper's lodge and the Indian's hunting ground gave way to the home right of the pioneer settler. A final bloodless contest with England, a terrible Indian massacre and off Oregon became definitely a part of the United States.

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RED CROSS MEET MONDAY

CONVENTION IS CALLED BY PRESIDENT HARRING.

Soldier Service, Health, Child Welfare and Other Problems to Be Discussed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—

Solving of soldier service, health, child welfare and other national problems will be discussed at the annual gathering of the representatives of Red Cross chapters at the national convention, called by President Harding, to be held here October 9, 10 and 11.

Normal Societies Initiate.

MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The Vesperina and Delphinian societies of the Oregon normal school initiated more than 200 new students into each of these organizations last night. The ceremonies, which were public, were largely attended. Miss Helen Michaelson, a senior, whose home is in Portland, acted as installing officer for the Vesperinas and Miss Kathryn Peterson of Portland, also a senior, officiated for the Delphinians.

Gunboat Zaragoza Sails.

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 7.—The gunboat Zaragoza has sailed for Tuxpam with 500 soldiers to reinforce the federal military in the oil region where renewal of rebel activities is reported.

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INDIAN BASKETS UNIQUE

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Cousin of McKinley Dead.

PASADENA, Cal., Oct. 7.—William McKinley, 77 years old, cousin of the late President McKinley, died at his home here while seated in a barber's chair. He came from Ohio with his family a number of years ago. He is survived by his widow here, a son, George McKinley, at Platon, Ia., and two daughters, Mrs. George Gibson of South Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Beattie Brown of Grand View, Wash.

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