

COOS BAY TIMES

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SHOULD BE ELECTED.

REPUBLICANS have a duty to perform in the election of I. S. Smith to the Oregon legislature next week. At the primary election, which was one of the most warmly contested Mr. Smith demonstrated that he was the popular choice of the electorate and it is their duty to ratify that selection at the polls next week.

The Times does not believe in prejudicial partisanship. The Times knows republicans, whose only virtue is their political creed and it knows democrats whose only shadow of a fault is the mental strabismus that makes them acknowledge fealty to the democratic party.

The Times believes, however, that other things being equal republicans should support their party nominees. Mr. Smith has had legislative experience. He is a believer in the progressive policies and principles of the republican party. He is a believer in and supporter of the Oregon system. He is familiar with the conditions and needs of Coos and Curry counties. He believes in their improvement and development. He is a believer in good roads. He will work for them in the legislature. He will represent the people and not any special interest. His candidacy is not being urged or advocated by any corporation. If elected he will represent the people of Coos and Curry counties and it is up to the people to see that he is elected.

EMASCULATING THE INITIATIVE.

THE so-called majority amendment submitted to the people, No. 322-3 on the ballot is designed to kill the initiative in Oregon. It provides:

"No measure submitted at any election under the initiative shall take effect, or become the law unless it shall be approved by a majority of all the electors voting at such election, whether voting on such measure or not." (See state booklet, page 84.)

An active campaign in favor of the bill is being made, advertisements carried in all the newspapers and money freely spent in its advocacy.

Who furnishes the money and why? The answer is easy—the public service corporations, the liquor interests and other interested parties who want to take legislation out of the hands of the people and place it with the legislature, which they can handle.

Under the present law an initiative bill becomes a law when a majority of those voting upon the measure approve it. Only the more intelligent voters study the initiative measures. The ignorant do not vote upon them.

If this bill had been in force, scarcely a measure that the people have enacted would have become a law. The local option law, the recall, the presidential primary, the corrupt practices act, the three-fourths jury verdict law, the good roads amendment and the Rogue river fish bill would have never been enacted.

It would kill the initiative in Oregon as it is has killed it in Oklahoma, where it is in effect, and its people have not been able to enact a single measure.

On its face, the bill looks fair, but it is not majority rule, for there is always a percentage of voters too ignorant to vote upon the measure and who by withholding expression, kill the measure.

The measure is a joker designed to put the initiative out of business. Every friend of progressive or popular government should vote against the bill. X323.

MILITIAMEN RETURN BOATS.

Coos Bay Contingent Has No Quarters to House Craft.

The following in the Oregonian is of local interest: Marshfield division of the Oregon Naval Militia are to relinquish possession of boats assigned to them for drill purposes, because no provision has been made to protect them in winter, and on the next voyage of the steamer Brookwater they will be brought here and put on board the cruiser Boston.

Captain T. J. Magenn, of the Brookwater, who held the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, in the naval militia, has resigned owing to the lack of time in which to carry on the work as he desires, and it is probable that R. O. Graves, of Marshfield, who was formerly in the organization, will be elected in his stead.

The Portland membership of the militia is making a strong showing and it is understood that some of the older officers will rejoin and lend their aid in keeping the organization to a high standard. While school is held regularly for the benefit of the officers and the rudiments of navigation taught it is proposed to establish a weekly swimming school during the winter for commissioned officers and enlisted men. In one of the tanks of the city being used through special permission. There is also a revival of talk that Astorians will form one or two divisions.

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BILL NO. 360 FOR GOOD ROADS

Big Meeting at North Bend Boosts Measure—Many Talk for it.

The Good Roads meeting at the North Bend Commercial Club last night was largely attended and one of the most successful of the series that is being held throughout the county. After addresses by a number of men from various points in the county, it was unanimously decided that the Home Rule Good Roads bill, appearing on the ballot as No. 360, should be supported and all others voted down. It was agreed that a circular embracing this should be printed and distributed among the voters. The circular will be signed by the Coos County Good Roads Association, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, North Bend Commercial Club, Coquille Commercial Club, Myrtle Point Commercial Club and Bandon Commercial Club.

It was also decided that a vigorous membership campaign should be carried on. Edgar McDaniel was selected to carry on the membership work in North Bend.

In the absence of President Ira B. Bartle of the North Bend Commercial Club, A. H. Derbyshire presided. Judge J. S. Coke of Marshfield made an extended talk on the various good roads measures pending and said that while all of them had points of merit, the enactment of all of them would lead to confusion. He declares that the Home Rule bill, Number 360 on the ballot, was the most beneficial for Coos county and most of the counties of Oregon.

I. S. Smith, the Republican candidate for state senator from Coos and Curry counties, was present and spoke briefly in favor of the Home Rule Good Roads bill. He stated that if elected he would earnestly support the measure and attendant measures if they come before the legislature.

W. H. Meredith, Democratic candidate for joint representative, was also present and spoke along lines similar to those touched upon by Mr. Smith.

Among the others who talked in favor of good roads and in favor of Bill No. 360 were W. T. Dement, Henry Sengstacken, S. D. Pulford, A. T. Morrison, E. C. Chase, P. M. Hall-Lewis, K. H. Hansen and H. C. Diers.

It was also announced that North Bend would hold a general booster meeting either Friday night or Monday night in the Star theater there.

In the Coquille delegation were P. M. Hall-Lewis, W. C. Chase, A. T. Morrison, and Frank Burkholder.

From Myrtle Point were C. Milton Schultz, Joe Schilling, W. T. Dement, W. O. Cooper and S. D. Pulford.

SAYS SINGLE TAX IS BAD

Alberta Man Writes of Sad Experience in Values and Assessments.

(Special to The Times.) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 30.—The first of a mass of evidence that will show, it is declared, that single tax has already proved to be a failure in Alberta, was produced today by Sig Siebel, a leading dealer of Portland. W. S. Jealous has written to Mr. Siebel that taxes in Alberta are already so high that it is impossible to sell land at all and that very shortly all the land will be confiscated to the state.

Here is the letter:

Dear Sir:—I have run across a copy of your open letter in regard to single tax, and although a non-voter was much interested in the same. I take the liberty to offer some authentic facts and figures in regard to the effect of single tax in the province of Alberta. I own three raw lots in a railroad town there of 2000 population. Last year these lots were assessed at \$900. The taxes amounted to \$40. This year under single tax, these lots are assessed at \$2500 and the taxes are now \$145. Although these lots are assessed at \$2500 I could not sell them at any price. Conditions are in a state of stagnation there. My experience of single tax is that it is nothing short of legalized robbery. From my Alberta experience, I know it is decidedly harmful to the progress and prosperity of any place and the people of Oregon will do well to give it no place in this state.

Yours respectfully, W. S. JEALOUSE. (Paid advertisement, Oregon Equal Tax League.) (Paid advertisement.)

ARE AGAINST SINGLE TAX

T. S. Alexander and Walter M. Pierce Campaign Against it.

Thos. S. Alexander, a well known business man of Portland, and Walter M. Pierce, a farmer and business man of Hot Lake, Oregon, arrived here this morning via the old Coos Bay wagon road, to campaign in Coos county against the single tax. Mr. Pierce is a land owner and has been campaigning for the Democratic ticket, but is now devoting his time to the anti-single tax fight. They came via stage and had a hard trip.

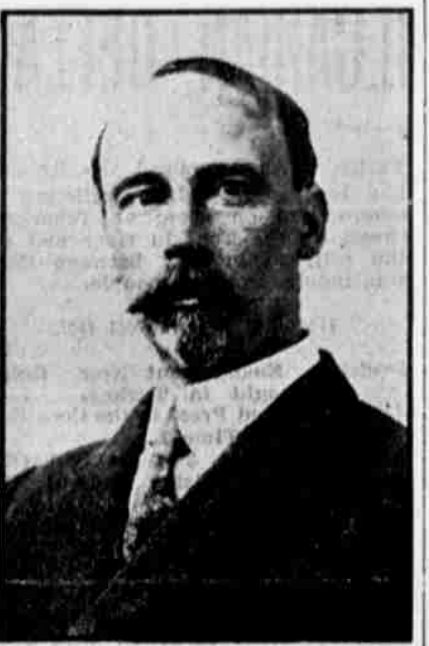
Mr. Pierce will speak tonight at the Odd Fellows Hall and tomorrow he will probably speak at North Bend.

Today noon he addressed the employees of the C. A. Smith mill.

Mr. Alexander declares that, judging by conditions here, there will be a tremendous attendance at the meeting, as there will be no charge made for admission and ladies will be specially invited.

Discussing the issue of single tax, Mr. Alexander said:

"The Oregon Equal Taxation League is an organization composed of 20,000 Oregon farmers and busi-



MR. THOS. S. ALEXANDER.

ness men. Its sole purpose is to warn the people of the state of Oregon just what single tax is and what it will do.

"I think I have been in every civilized country in the world and a great number of the uncivilized, and the only places I found single tax in successful operation were among the Hottentots and the aboriginal natives of South America.

"Much to the disgust of Joseph Fels, who is financing the single tax campaign in Oregon, a number of Fels' paid writers and workers have been attempting to delude the people of Oregon into the belief that the measure they style 'graduated single tax' and which will be voted upon in the November election is not single tax. Of course it is, and if I need any further authority, I will simply say that Mr. U'Ren himself in a letter to the Oregonian says that the measure is a flat-footed single tax measure.

"Single tax proposes to tax the land-owner, the home-owner and the lot-owner out of existence. It is single tax. By that I mean that it proposes to abolish taxation and center taxes solely on land. Why, it is so revolutionary that even the Socialists on the streets of Portland get up and absolutely disavow the single tax propaganda.

"I don't think there is the slightest chance that the measure will pass in Oregon, but the Oregon Equal Taxation League believes in letting every voter know just what this measure is and what it proposes to do.

"It is also supporting the three capital 'good taxation' measures of Governor West and the State Tax Commission, the numbers of which are 304, 306 and 308—number 308 being specifically against single tax. "I trust that all those who are in any way curious about this, the most important political question that has come up in Oregon, will attend this lecture, and I am quite confident in saying that he will be found to be a master of his subject."

ATTEND COQUILLE SHOOT.

Marshfield Men to Participate in Big Event.

The members of the Marshfield Gun Club leave tomorrow for Coquille, where the members from Bandon, North Bend and Myrtle Point will participate in the big shoot to be held there.

Those who plan to go from here are Harry McKeown, Frank Laise, J. W. Gardner, Dr. George E. Dix and W. N. Ekblad.

The list of events that will be

shot off and the prizes follow:

Event No. 1, 15 birds—1st prize, \$10 picture given by W. C. Laird. 2nd prize, \$5 cash given by Chas. Batzer. 3rd prize, box of 100 cigars, given by bowling alley. 4th prize brier pipe, given by Leach's Confectionery.

Event No. 2, 20 birds—1st prize, \$10 gun case, Dunham Kerrigan & Hayden. 2nd prize, silver clothes and hat brush, Fuhrman's Pharmacy. 3rd prize, silver top cigar case, W. H. Schroeder & Co. 4th prize, big box of candy, Folsom's Confectionery.

Event No. 3—15 birds—1st prize, automobile reel, Coquille Hardware Co. 2nd prize, \$1.50 brier pipe, Wickman & Wickman. 3rd prize, silk umbrella, Ladies' Bazaar. 4th prize, case of soda water, Coquille Soda Works.

Event No. 4, 15 birds—1st prize, \$5 pair Flossheim shoes, Lyons & Jones. 2nd prize, \$5 rug, Coquille Furniture Co. 3rd prize, \$3 hat, Henry Lorenz. 4th prize, season ticket for November for two, Scenic Theater.

The following are the consolation events for shooters not winning any prizes in the event:

Event No. 1, 10 birds—1st prize, carving set, J. A. Lamb & Co. 2nd prize, \$4.50 brier pipe, Miller's Confectionery. 3rd prize, season ticket for November for two, Royal theatre. 4th prize, \$2 in trade, Johnson & Son Meat Market. 5th prize, 1 year subscription to the Coquille Herald. 6th prize, box of candy, Shores' Confectionery.

Event No. 2, 10 birds—1st prize, fishing rod, the Sportman. 2nd prize pair of shoes, Skeels Bros. 3rd prize \$5 in trade, Coquille Shooting Gallery. 4th prize, \$1.50 pocket knife, H. O. Anderson. 5th prize, bust of Lincoln, M. H. Hersey. 6th prize, \$1.00 in trade, City Bakery.

To the Voters of Coos and Curry Counties:

Since my candidacy for Joint Senator was announced and my platform published and distributed, I have been trying to meet as many electors as possible within the district in order to understand their ideas and learn their wishes.

It has been a surprise as well as a pleasure to me to find my position on legislative questions as set forth in my platform, almost universally approved, and to receive so many assurances of support from members of all political parties.

I have been frank and have tried to state my position fully on all important questions, but if there is any point concerning which you need a further statement, speak to me about it or write me if I fail to see you, for I cannot meet you all, and I want a thorough understanding with you.

The next four years will witness great developments in this district, that may be gravely influenced by legislation, and it is important that you be guided in your choice of legislators by sound judgment, uninfluenced by partisan prejudice or personal loathings.

I wish it thoroughly understood that:

First, I represent no corporations and never have had any connections with them.

Second, I am allied to no special interest; my own interests are varied and are fairly representative of those of the people of the district.

Third, I have made no promises outside my platform and no personal promises whatever.

Fourth, I am running my own campaign, and am under no obligations, financial or otherwise, to anyone.

Fifth, I have been a resident of the district for 30 years and am familiar with its needs.

Sixth, I am a strictly independent candidate and stand squarely on my own platform. If it is yours, stand with me.

(Signed) J. O. STEMLER, Candidate for Joint Senator for Coos and Curry Counties.

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Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus and undivided profits, Circulation, outstanding, Deposits.

Total \$623,476.23

In addition to Capital Stock the Individual Liability of Stockholders is \$100,000.00.

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W. S. CHANDLER, President DORSEY KREITZER, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION of FLANAGAN & BENNETT BANK

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Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus and undivided profits, Deposits.

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