

SPECIAL LEVY IS HELD VITAL NEED IN CITY FINANCES

Urging passage of the three mill tax levy on the November ballot, Mayor Baker and City Commissioners Barbur, Mann, Bigelow and Pier joined in signing a statement Saturday that unless the measure was passed the city faced "financial ruin." The statement follows:

The people of Portland have voted on two occasions in the last three years to allow the city sufficient money to meet additional expense due to the vast increase in the price of all things entering into the service of the fire department, police department, parks, playgrounds, street cleaning, lighting, street repaving, street improvements and all other service given by the city.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED
The city charter, the provisions of which can be changed only by vote of the people, makes it necessary that the voters again pass upon the subject of granting the same relief for the year commencing December 1, 1930. The issue is on the ballot at the election November 3 in the form of a 3-mill tax, the same as was passed by the people at the last election. Conditions have not changed, but to comply with the law the question has to be submitted to the voters again.

If the voters fail to adopt the law the city will be forced, because of lack of funds, to cut out one third of all present service. Such a move would mean disaster to the city's fire protection, police protection, street lighting, street cleaning and all other departments. Yet

there will be no alternative if the 3-mill tax fails.

NEED IS INCREASED
The 3-mill tax is needed more next year than ever before because conditions have not changed and the people, by their vote, have added materially to the city's annual expense by voting additional bonds for playgrounds, which must be maintained, and have decreased the annual revenue from sources other than taxation.

Eight mills of taxation, which is the limit the city council can assess under provisions of the city charter without special authorization from the voters, was barely sufficient to conduct the affairs of the city as far back as 1915 and 1916. Eight mills now will provide but little more than then and a dollar now will go but half as far as then in paying wages, buying equipment and conducting the multiplicity of activities required of a city. Since 1915 the voters have adopted bond issues for playgrounds and other improvements requiring the annual payment of interest and have adopted the two shift plan in the fire department requiring an annual additional outlay of about \$140,000.

NEW PARKS LOCATED
They have adopted a measure requiring the city to finance the engineering of all street and sewer improvements, an item amounting in the aggregate to between \$100,000 and \$300,000 a year, depending upon the amount of improvements made. They have established additional parks and playgrounds which must be kept up and they have paved many miles of additional streets which must be kept in repair and cleaned.

Therefore, the financial situation confronting the city can readily be seen. The additional 3 mill tax will make Portland's levy for general purposes 11 mills, or the same as for the present year. No increase beyond what the city has now is asked. The extra 3 mills will allow the city to keep and operate what it now has and will provide a limited fund to meet emergencies that may arise, such as a public calamity, snow blockades, epidemics, etc.

TAX RATE LOW

Portland still will have the lowest tax rate and the lowest total expense of any city of like size on the Pacific coast. The matter is vital to the welfare of Portland and must have the support of all citizens who have the city's best interests at heart. A city without money to maintain adequate fire and police

protection and without money to keep up its parks, playgrounds and streets and keep its streets clean, is not a safe or desirable place in which to live.

The commission makes this statement as a matter of duty, feeling that the public should be informed when danger confronts the city. Complete official records in verification of these statements are available at the office of the city auditor and all persons are invited to investigate.

\$114 Is Made for Halsey High School At Basket Social

Halsey, Oct. 11.—The basket social and program at the city hall Friday evening was well patronized. It was given in the interest of the high school. Thirty baskets were auctioned for \$114.75. The highest bid for \$10.50.

H. W. Clingman, a retired farmer, has sold his farm to an Eastern man and has purchased the Halsey property of J. C. Bramwell. Bramwell has purchased the residence of K. C. Bramwell, a local barber.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Draws 1075

The first Sunday afternoon concert given this season under the auspices of the city at the Auditorium Sunday attracted an audience of 1075. The program consisted of numbers by the Royal Rosarian band, Joel B. Ettinger, conductor; organ solos by William Robinson Boone and vocal solos by Walter Jenkins baritone. Next Sunday afternoon's program will be contributed by the choir of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, selections by the police bureau male quartet and organ numbers by Gladys Morgan Farmer.

Arlington Reports First Goose Killed

Arlington, Oct. 11.—The first wild goose of the season here was killed Sunday by Clyde Leghorn, employee of the O-W. R. & N. The weather is ideal and next week will be the best hunting of the season. Fall rains have set in, bringing geese in large numbers. Fall grain is up several inches, making fine goose feed. The highway work which interfered with local bluff shooting last fall has been completed. Approach to the bluffs is an easy matter.

LAKE COUNTY FAIR RECORDS PROGRESS

Paisley, Oct. 11.—The seventh annual Lake County Fair opened here with a record breaking crowd and agricultural exhibits from every community of the county.

Purebred livestock and standard agricultural exhibits of all kinds 50 miles from a narrow gauge railroad and 150 miles from a standard gauge road indicated that scientific agriculture has penetrated even the frontier sections of Oregon. The display of fruit was notable. It is said, showing that peaches, pears, grapes, apples, plums and plums could be grown in Lake county at an altitude of 4500 feet. This is possible in the Summer Lake valley bordering on Summer lake, with a climate which permits the growing of the most tender fruits.

S. & H. Green Stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., Main 333, 550-31.—Adv.

CONFERENCE WILL DECIDE FATE OF MOUNT HOOD LOOP

Whether construction of the long discussed Mount Hood loop highway is to continue next year or is to be postponed to some indefinite time, probably will be determined at a conference to be held this week of members of the state highway commission and United States District Forester Cecil and District Engineer Purcell of the U. S. bureau of public roads.

The federal officials are anxious to go ahead, having held together funds for the purpose the last two years. On the other hand, the state highway commission seems inclined to indefinitely postpone work until the main highways of the state are completed.

HARDING INDEXED BY HIS ADVISERS

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held in high esteem among the reactionaries. He was one of the leading opponents of the farm loan system, and made a long speech to show it was unconstitutional.

EX-SENATOR WEEKS
Sutherland has been camping at Marion practically throughout the front porch campaign. He has been a principal consultant in guiding the candidate on all the leading issues of the campaign. He is believed to be slated for secretary of state or attorney-general if Harding wins.

Another adviser of first magnitude is former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, who is a twin reactionary with Sutherland and was another of the chief opponents of the farm loan system. Weeks attended the naval academy, has served in the navy, and is interested in banks and manufacturing enterprises. He is one of the head men in "getting the most" in the East, and has headquarters in New York, but he has frequently appeared in Marion to advise with the candidate. His specialties are the navy, the tariff and finance. He is regarded as a prospective secretary of the treasury or the navy if Harding wins.

Chamber Forum at Astoria Will Have Prominent Speakers

Astoria, Oct. 11.—The Astoria Chamber of Commerce announces the list of speakers who will address the weekly forum of the organization this winter. The first luncheon will be held Tuesday, with Robert T. Jacob of Portland as speaker. Other speakers coming are: Edward Cookingham, Portland; H. E. Huntington, Portland; B. F. Irvine, editor of The Oregon Journal; C. C. Colt of the First National bank, Portland. Besides these speakers, it is also expected that Senator McNary and Representative Hawley and McArthur will be secured.

President B. F. Stone of the Port of Astoria commission has announced that the United States engineers will visit this city October 17, coming down by boat from Portland for the purpose of inspecting the channel between Portland and Tongue Point and to inspect Astoria's harbor to the mouth of the river.

La Grande Stores Given Prizes for Window Exhibits

La Grande, Oct. 11.—Many Oregon made products were displayed in the Oregon-made window display contest staged in La Grande by the Associated Industries of Oregon through the local Union County Ad club.

Seventy-five dollars in prizes were offered, and the committee of judges awarded first to the N. K. West & Co. window. Second prize went to the Oregon Hardware company. Third prize fell to Clint's clothing.

The contest was staged along with the Union County Grange fair, which was held Friday and Saturday at the Blue Mountain Grange hall, three miles east of La Grande.

The public schools of Union and Walla-walla counties are having a three-day vacation while the teachers attend institute of Union and Walla-walla counties at Enterprise.



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Vancouver Man Is Found Dead in Bed

Iiwaco, Wash., Oct. 11.—William Ross Anderson of Vancouver, Wash., was found dead in his bed at the home of his son-in-law, A. H. Caples, on Shoal-water bay, Sunday morning. He was 65 years of age. Mr. Anderson had been picking cranberries the day before and went to bed apparently in good health. His wife and several children live in Vancouver, where the body was sent. He was a native of Washington.

MAN KILLED UNDER WHEELS OF TRAIN

The Dalles, Oct. 11.—Attempting to board a swiftly moving westbound O-W. R. & N. stock train Sunday, John Rogan, 29, of South Amboy, N. J., was thrown under the wheels and fatally injured. He died at The Dalles hospital three hours later.

Seven cars passed over his body at the hips and his left arm was severed. Despite the injuries, Rogan remained conscious for two hours, asking for a priest and telling of his family. His mother resides at 271 1/2 Nichols street, Portland, and is employed at the Union station, he said. Three brothers also reside in Portland.

CLATSOP COUNTY PLANS BIGGER FAIR

Astoria, Oct. 11.—The sixth annual Clatsop County Fair closed Saturday. The attendance has been large and plans are being considered to put the fair on a bigger and better basis by arranging for grounds and the construction of special buildings.

The livestock exhibit attracted special attention. Senator C. J. Hawley of Polk county, who judged the stock, declared the exhibits some of the best he had ever seen in the state.

Lad Fires Bomb, Alarms Neighbors

Residents in the vicinity of East Twenty-fourth and Davis streets had visions of a reign of terror from Bolshevik bombs Sunday night when a loud explosion occurred on Davis street. Investigation by the east side police station, which received telephonic calls for protection, disclosed activity on the part of Dave Ray, 18, of 551 East Twenty-fourth street, and an unnamed companion, both of whom were seen hastening from the scene of the explosion in a small automobile. No damage to property was done. Ray's father promised to escort his son to the police station for an interview with the police. Police

Fern Valley Orchard Is Sold for \$15,000

Medford, Oct. 11.—One of the best suburban orchard homes of the Rogue River valley, the McKay orchard near Phoenix in the Fern valley, has been sold. It consists of 20 acres, of which 18 acres are in 11 year old pears. R. P. Wiggins of St. Louis bought it for \$15,000. Wiggins will live on the property and make improvements.

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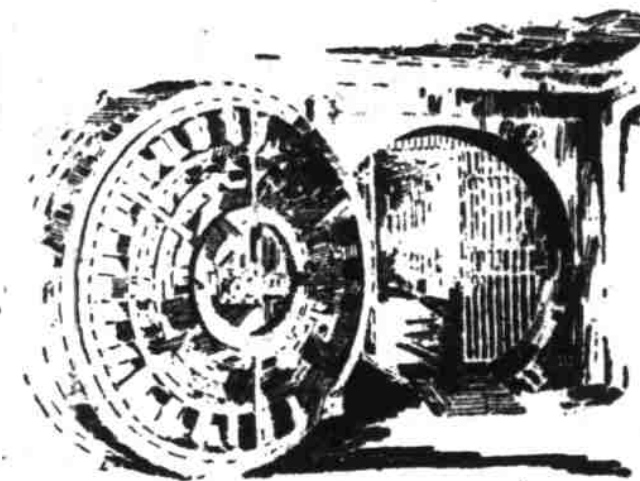
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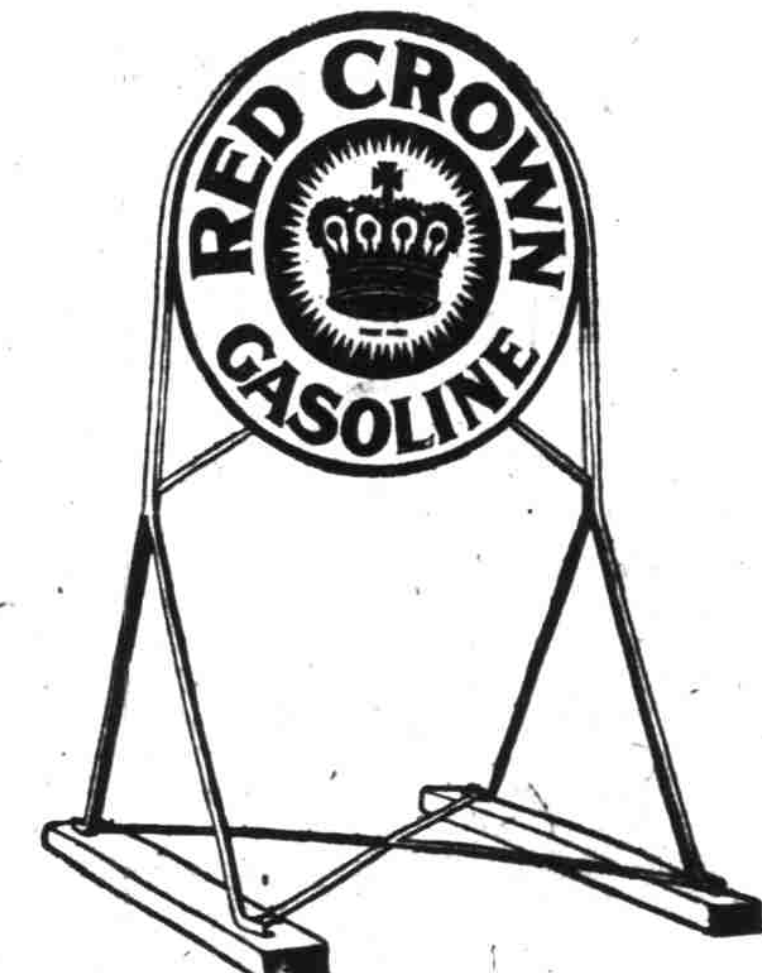
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