

BABIES VS. BIRDS IS KEYNOTE OF REFUGE MEASURE

Seven proposed amendments to the state constitution and four measures on propositions in all are to be submitted to the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 2. For the information of the voters, these various proposals are being summarized and their provisions stated in brief form. This series of articles commenced with the first to appear on the ballot and has continued in the order in which they are found there. All are important, some of vital moment; the future welfare of the state and its citizens. Because of this, every voter owes a duty not only to the public, but to himself individually, to digest these different amendments and measures and to register his vote for or against each according to the conclusion he reaches as to the wisdom or unwisdom of each.

The "Roosevelt Bird Refuge measure" is the ninth proposition to be found on the November ballot. It is a measure initiated by the "Roosevelt Bird Refuge association," and its purpose, in brief, is for the state of Oregon to give up, for all time, all of its right and title to Malheur lake, in Harney county, including some 40,000 acres of swamp land, the value of which ultimately would enrich the irreducible school fund by approximately \$500,000, to the federal government as a breeding ground for wild fowl.

This purpose is to be accomplished, as the title to the proposed measure states it, "by the state conveying, granting and ceding to the United States of America all the right, title, claim, interest, rights and powers of control and jurisdiction owned or possessed by the state of Oregon, and also such as said state may hereafter acquire in and to all the lands within and all the waters within the Malheur lake reservation in Harney county."

HOME OF MIGRATORY BIRDS
Malheur lake, and the lands immediately surrounding it, is a bird refuge at the present time and has been since 1908 when it was so designated by President Roosevelt. Migratory birds within the boundaries of that reserve are now protected by both state and federal laws. They made their nests there, rear their young and pass on to the north or south as the case may be without let or hindrance.

It is clearly evident, therefore, that so far as the present is concerned, there is no necessity for additional protection to be thrown about the wild life of Malheur lake. The reason for the movement to cede the lake, its waters and their jurisdiction springs not from the necessity for bird preservation but from the fear that irrigation development in the Harney valley will disturb the lake as it now is and restrict, though not destroy, the nesting places within the boundaries of the lake. The bill is in effect, then, an attempted barrier against the future irrigation of the Harney valley district.

STATE WOULD SELL
Malheur lake has surrounding it some 40,000 acres of land now used as wild pasture and meadow land, which is claimed by the state as swamp land. The state is now preparing to move, through the agency of the attorney general, to definitely settle the ownership of this vast tract preparatory to putting it upon the market for the establishment of homes. Its value, at the average price now asked by the state land board for land of equal kind and character, would run close to, if not above, half a million dollars, all of which would flow into the irreducible school fund as an inexhaustible endowment for the education of the children of the state.

The people of the state, under the terms of the proposed bird refuge bill, are asked therefore to cede a \$500,000 estate to the federal government forever.

But there is more in the measure from the viewpoint of the future development of the state than the swamp land to which the state lays claim for the school

fund. Harney valley, one of the richest and most productive districts in the entire state, has been held back from development for many years because of the large unit holdings of the Pacific Livestock company and other large cattle companies which have held the land in vast unbroken tracts.

SETTLERS COMING IN

More and more settlers are breaking in and the district is ready to meet a heavy influx of small home owners whenever contemplated irrigation development is finally under way and it becomes possible to put water upon the land. The fate of this irrigation development hangs upon the enactment or failure of the Roosevelt bird refuge measure. These projects, through the impoundment of the flood waters of the spring and the necessary drainage that must go hand in hand with irrigation, would falter and fail were the bill to be enacted and the control both of the water and the lake bed itself to pass into federal ownership. If the bill fails, irrigation development there will go forward; if the bill carries, the irrigation of the Harney valley will be long postponed if not entirely prevented.

BIRDS VERSUS BABIES

The proposed bird refuge measure presents the question to the people of the state of "birds versus babies." Its enactment at the hands of the voters means a perpetual refuge for migratory birds under federal ownership and control, but it does not mean added homes or increased population for Harney valley. Its failure spells settlement, new people and added production.

Those who would rather furnish a refuge for migratory water fowl than homes for land hungry people; who would rather give \$500,000 worth of highly productive land to the federal government for the propagation of ducks and geese destined for the hunting grounds of sportsmen's clubs, than to allow its value to flow into the irreducible school fund and the land itself to become the homes of prosperous families; those who believe ducks more important than human development, should mark their ballots "316 X Yes."

Those who would rather see school houses and school children about the margin of Lake Malheur than the white-faced glossy ibis, the lonely bittern or the hermit coot, should mark their ballots "317 X No."

Bank Executives Meet in Seattle October 28 and 29

A meeting of executives of the Northwest chapters of the American Institute of Banking will take place in Seattle on October 28 and 29 to review activities of various Northwest chapters for the first quarter of the fiscal year and to outline a program for the remaining term. Portland's delegates are J. King Bryon of the Ladd & Tilton bank, president of the local chapter; Christian Peterson of the United States National bank, vice president, and Thomas H. West, member of the national executive council. Bryon is also a member of the national public affairs committee.

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Girl Is Injured in Leap for Freedom At City Jail Today

A sensational attempt of 16-year-old Eva Bonar to escape from the police station about 1 o'clock this afternoon by leaping from a third story window to a first floor skylight in the light well of the police station was frustrated, when the girl injured herself and was not able to escape to the main stairway through an open window. A heavy screen over the glass shielded Miss Bonar from serious cuts and bruises. Her minor injuries were dressed in the emergency hospital.

Miss Bonar, who is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Bonar, 287 Yamhill street, ran away from the Laurelwood boarding

school at Cornelius last Friday night. Tuesday night the police arrested Gilbert Anderson, 30, upon complaint of the mother, and charged him with contributing to the delinquency of the girl. He is held in the city jail in default of bail.

Public Telephone Booths Are Robbed

When the collector for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company visited the courthouse this morning to make the collections from the public pay stations it was discovered that the booths on the first and fifth floors, in the public corridors, had been robbed. The doors to the receptacles which receive the coin had been pried open, the money taken and the doors shoved back into place.

COX GOES BACK TO HIS CUB DAYS

By Herbert W. Walker
En Route With Governor Cox, Middletown, Ohio, Oct. 27.—(U. P.)—Fighting for the League of Nations, Governor James M. Cox today "came back" to Middletown, the little city where about 35 years ago he was a cub reporter and a high school student.

The Democratic candidate was to spend the day campaigning in the dis-

trict where he was born and has lived ever since. Tonight he was to speak in Dayton, his home city, for the first time since his speech of acceptance, August 7. As he wages the final battle, Cox is attacking Senator Harding more sharply than ever and is speaking with a vigor that betrays little sign of his long, strenuous work.

His voice is in excellent condition despite the fact he has used it every week-day since September 2. After claiming "that day after day" Senator Johnson says Harding will scrap the League of Nations and ex-President Taft that he will not. Cox charged that the Republican candidate "is trying to gain the presidency under false pretenses."

"I am not particular whether Senator Harding fools Johnson or Taft, but I do intend to see to it that he does not fool the American people on one of the greatest issues in the history of our country," the governor said.

Man Born in Oregon 74 Years Ago Dies

Salem, Oct. 27.—E. E. McKinney, native of Marion county, died here Tuesday at the age of 74 years. Mr. McKinney was born on a ranch a short distance south of Salem, later engaging in the mercantile business at Astoria. He afterward conducted a store at Turner, subsequently engaging in the mercantile business at Sublimity, where he also acted as postmaster. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and six sisters.



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Remember this when it comes to stocking-hanging time; it is possible to play simultaneously the roles of Santa Claus, who makes youngsters glad, and Loyal Portlander, who patronizes home industries. For it is in such ways that Portland becomes bigger and busier.

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