

ELECTION LETTERS BY THE PEOPLE

Mr. Schunke's Negative Argument.

Editor Statesman: The logic of Alderman Schunke's negative argument in the voters' pamphlet against the assessment amendment of the city charter is rather curious.

Not a word is said in defense of the justice of the present system, that taxes a corner lot about three times as much as an inside lot, for street improvement purposes, although such a lot pays only a half to two-thirds more than an inside lot for general taxation.

Paving NEVER causes a corner lot to sell for three times the price of an inside lot. Therefore, it is unjust to compel the corner lot to pay three times the amount of tax on the inside lot for street improvement.

Mr. Schunke's negative argument, in effect, frankly admits the injustice of this system. He merely argues that because many have suffered from this injustice in the past, therefore all should continue to suffer from it in the future, as a matter of justice to those who have suffered in the past.

Salem has a thousand years of future growth ahead. The extent of her paved streets may be doubled and quadrupled. But according to Mr. Schunke's curious logic, justice to past generations of city builders demands that an admittedly unjust system be perpetuated to all future generations.

If this extreme type of selfish and reactionary logic could always prevail, tax returns would be few indeed, and the institution of human slavery would still be holding its own in our land.

Mr. Schunke ignores the fact that every block of additional pavement in the suburbs adds to the value and business activity and stability of the heart of the city, which has already been paved.

Mr. Schunke also shuts his eyes to the fact that in this new age of good roads enthusiasm, when autos and trucks are thick as flies, the general public, including all those who live on paved streets, have a decided interest in the improvement of other streets, as well as the owners of abutting property. Helping to pave the street intersections is a minor expression of that interest, when the paving of a road reduces the cost of autoing and trucking over it by 20 per cent.

Vote to perpetuate justice, not injustice.

Vote for scientific road economy in the city as well as the country.

Vote to help make secure the foundation for a greater, a better, and a more beautiful Salem.

—E. S. TILLINGHAST.

Are For Rural Schools

Editor Statesman: We request you announce through your paper that Ankeny Grange No. 540 wishes to go on record as not in favor of repealing the 5 per cent indebtedness, but we are in favor of the 2-mill tax for rural schools.

Very truly,
—Mary Farr, Secretary
Jefferson, Or., Rt. 1, May 20.

Reply to Journal.

Editor Statesman: The bane of the human race is inconsistency, but

when accompanied by wilful and malicious misstatements, such as the editor of The Capital Journal has attempted to shower on such a grand American as Leonard Wood, it is nothing short of the rottenest sort of political slander.

Politicians advanced the name of Herbert Hoover, a very estimable gentleman, even though a millionnaire. The "Nonpartisan Democrats" and the "Non-partisan Democratic press" of the country, among which is the local evening paper, lauded him to the skies, thinking all the while he was a Democrat.

Hoover announced his affiliation with the Republican party, which indeed was disheartening to all "Non-partisan Democrats." Then Hoover-for-President clubs were organized, but soon Hoover realized that by remaining an active candidate, he would not only not succeed in landing the nomination himself but would prevent the only two possibilities, Wood and Lowden, who believed as he did in regard to the League of Nations with reservations, from defeating the anti-league candidacy of Johnson here in Oregon at the primaries next Friday.

Therefore, he withdrew and admonished the voters to vote for the friends of the League of Nations with reservations—Wood or Lowden. But such an act of unselfishness for the good of the cause seemed rather to arouse the ire of the Journal editor since it placed him in the awkward position of having recommended Hoover to the people as a man more than capable of becoming the chief executive of this nation, and the first read admonition Hoover issues differs vastly from the Journal editor's idea of right-thinking.

Hoover's ideas fine for the people, but not for the Journal editor. Consistency thou art a jewel!

Hoover and Lowden are both millionnaires in their own right, while neither Wood nor Johnson is wealthy. But, mind you, each and every one of these candidates has the support of many millionnaires, and the idea that any of these gentlemen are attempting to buy their way to the presidency is indeed preposterous, for they are all above that sort of politics.

The simple fact that the New York World sees fit to issue a most slanderous allegation that millionnaires with extensive holdings in Mexico are furnishing unlimited means as a campaign fund in behalf of Leonard Wood does not by any means make it so, even though repeated by the Journal, any more than my assertion that the Journal's editor favors Debs for president would make that assertion true, and it is equally as preposterous and untrue to make the statement that Leonard Wood is a "military dictator," ever has been or ever would be.

After 25 years of service, a great share of which has been for Uncle Sam, and in spite of the many gigantic tasks undertaken and brought to a successful termination by Leonard Wood, there has never been a single breath of scandal in anything he has ever undertaken, and I defy the editor to cite a single instance, based on fact, not fancy, wherein Leonard Wood has ever shown the slightest tendency towards "militarism" in any capacity; also to show wherein he is not now and never has been a friend of the laboring man and one of the common people, rather by deed than by word.

It is so easy to make the assertion that American millionnaires are investigating and keeping up trouble down in Mexico, but it would be quite another matter actually to prove it, and if The Capital Journal has on hand any absolute proof of the stirring up of trouble in Mexico by American millionnaires, it would do well to report such facts to the department of justice, for they would be subject to the laws of espionage, and surely a Democratic administration would be glad to jail a bunch of Republican millionnaires, or at least write Mexico another note.

This American millionaire hallucination is great political buncombe but the Americans, men, women and children, who lose and have lost their lives in Mexico, are of the common people, as well as the soldiers, marines and sailors who have also given their lives for nothing, without any real protection from the United States except notes galore and a few idle threats.

"That Mexico happens to belong to the Mexicans didn't make any difference," when Pershing with 10,000 armed soldiers spent about 227 days inside of the borders of that war-worn nation. Neither did it make any difference when armed forces were sent to Vera Cruz, nor 400,000 national guardsmen were on the border. And, pray, what was the object of all this "militarism" and what right did we have then inside of the borders of Mexico with armed troops? We were not at war with

them, for the administration had to "keep us out of war" till after election, and then when in war, this same administration had to "keep us out of something," so they "kept us out of sugar," and realizing full well their finish, they are waiting to "pass the buck" to the next administration, with the "I told you so" appended, and real Americans fully realize the necessity of helping the Mexicans to help themselves, as we did Cuba. Otherwise, should we have the League of Nations in its present form, we may have to go into Mexico really to help some other nation—Japan, Germany, England, etc.—to hold it for themselves since we would then be guaranteeing the integrity of other nations' territorial bounds. But Leonard Wood would no more quickly enter Mexico than would Woodrow Wilson, and if he did he would thoroughly finish the job when once he did enter, and American lives would be as safe there as they are now on the high seas, for as a practical administrator Leonard Wood has always been a great success. If any American millionnaires have been responsible for the trouble in Mexico, should Wood be elected president, they will surely be punished fully.

It was indeed a Godsend that we were favored with the foresight of Wood while the present administration was playing politics, else we would have sacrificed a great many more of our boys than we did, and needlessly too, for he was well aware long before that war with Germany was almost a certainty, and he was doing his utmost in making preparations in every way.

That Lowden is a good man goes without saying, but everyone knows he will poll very few votes here in Oregon, as well as elsewhere. His views are in every way parallel to Wood's, while Hoover views all material questions in this campaign in exactly the same light as Wood, since all three of these men believe in the League of Nations with identically the same sort of reservations.

Lowden has no chance in Oregon at all, and since Hoover has withdrawn and asked his supporters to vote for the candidate favoring the league with reservations, there is but one man to cast your ballot for on Friday, and that man is Leonard Wood.

L. R. M. PIERCE.

HAUSERS BEAT Y. M. C. A. TEAM

Misjudgment in Field Keeps Osborne from Making No Hit, No Run Record

The Y. M. C. A. baseball team deserved a victory in the game with the strong Hauser brothers nine, the second of the Twilight league series on Sweetland field yesterday afternoon, but lost the game because of an Alphonse and Gaston performance between the Y shortstop and center fielder in the first of the fifth. Had it not been for this Osborne, the Y. M. C. A. pitcher, would have had a no hit, no run game to his credit.

Osborne pitched a sterling brand of ball for the Red Triangle team, whiffing six batsmen and walking but three. Four errors, a wild pitch and a passed ball, combined with a puny Texas leaguer, netted Hauser Brothers their three and only runs in this inning.

Unruh caught a bang-up game for the Y, taking a high foul off the grandstand netting in the second inning. Adolph featured with the stick by bagging a double and a single in two times up, the single driving in one run.

The Hauser infield was a stonewall defense. Proctor and Humphries handling some hard chances without a slip. Hagedorn was nicked for four hits. Both pitchers walked three men and each struck out six batters.

Manager Quisenberry of the Y. M. C. A. team threw a big surprise into the league by the showing of his team against the strong Hauser squad.

The state house team will play the Valley Motor company Friday evening, beginning at 6:15.

Box Score

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Humphries, 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0
Schaefer, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hanset, 2b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Proctor, ss	3	1	0	1	2	0
Curry, lf	2	0	0	0	1	0
Cernik, 1b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brown, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hulsey, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes, c	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hagedorn, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
	21	3	1	14	6	0

*One out for interference with fielder.

Y. M. C. A.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Patterson, 2b	2	1	0	0	1	2
Smith, 3b	2	0	1	1	0	2
L. Gill, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stockton, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reinhart, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Unruh, c	3	0	0	7	0	0
Kriese, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Alderin, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Purvine, if	1	0	1	0	0	0
Adolph, 1b	2	0	2	3	1	0
Hull, ss	2	0	0	1	0	0
Osborne, p	2	0	1	2	2	1
	20	2	5	13	3	7

Summary—two-base hit, Adolph; left on bases, Hauser 7, Y. M. C. A. 7; passed balls, Unruh 2, Barnes 2; wild pitches, Osborne 2, Hagedorn 2; first on errors, Hauser 3; first on balls, off Osborne 3, of Hagedorn 3; struck out, by Osborne 6, by Hagedorn 5. Time of game one hour; umpire, Burton.

Carriers Ask Commission for Order of Relief

Information from Washington reached the public service commission yesterday that carriers have petitioned the interstate commerce commission for a general order, under emergency powers, granting em-

bargees and priorities and suspending laws, rules and orders affecting car service. The proposed measure would be for the purpose of affording relief from car shortage.

A committee from the National Association of Utility Commissioners is now conferring with the interstate commerce commission on that subject. It is not believed the commission will grant a blanket order, but will favor the movement of necessities ahead of other shipments. The emergency is considered of national scope.

MAKE MOFFITT NEXT CHIEF



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(Paid Adv.)

MARTIN SHOULD BE ELECTED



Ivan G. Martin, now state representative, should be reelected for the following reasons:

He is a man fully qualified for the office.

He is a member of the legislature and is familiar with the duties of the office and is in a position to get results.

He consistently supported good roads; the only item in which he differed with the road committee was in the manner of submitting bids, Mr. Martin taking the position that specifications should be submitted to the contractors and bids submitted on these specifications.

He is on a special committee to report at next session on the drainage of land; important to Marion county.

He is endorsed by labor having been fair to both labor and capital; He is a taxpayer.

He has resided in Marion county the greater part of his life; He was a farmer boy, went to the country schools and has an interest in the farm.

He is in a position to know commercial conditions; He has been active in soldier legislation and he has advertised Oregon by passing the fruit label bill.

His record has shown that he is a friend of the people; Author of soldier voting bill; bill to empower voters of a county to fix salaries of county officials; restoration of Dower and Curtesy law; assisted in drafting insurance code, etc.; fought the oil company and the railroad company in railroad crossing bill, etc.

He has had the ability and influence to pass the majority of measures he introduced.

Why should we not reelect him? —A TAXPAYER.

(paid adv.)

At 94, Is Still Active in Directing Great Lumber and News Print Plants



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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

It's from 8 to 5.

May the best men win.

Bits for Breakfast man is sorry he cannot vote for all of them—

Excepting, of course, Hi Johnson.

Pity there is no consolation race.

If there is any one who will vote against the road measure, he has not held up his hand.

Vote in the state fair grounds.

The fact is, Salem's metropolitan district ought to take in the mute school, and Salem Heights, and West Salem, and Morningside, and, later, the institution for the feeble minded.

And, when the roads are all paved

(Paid Adv.)

OLD RESIDENT FOR CITY MARSHAL



Geo. N. Patterson

Mr. Patterson has been a resident and taxpayer of Salem for 23 years. Has never been a candidate for office before. Your vote will be appreciated. Vote 19.

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BEN F. WEST Candidate for County Assessor



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The appeal made for votes at this late hour by one of my opponents in regard to my raising the valuation on all property 10 per cent in the county is demagogic and shows how little he knows of the assessor's office and that he is unworthy the confidence and support of the people who cast their votes. The equalization board has something to say about property valuations after the assessor has completed his work.

They have authority to change the whole tax roll. Do you want a man who is so narrow minded that he thinks he is the whole thing?

It takes a man with at least ordinary intelligence to fill the office of county assessor in this county or any other county. The RAISING OF VALUATIONS does not mean the RAISING OF TAXES.

It means the LOWERING OF LEVIES. In fact it will not make a penny difference in the amount of taxes any one pays.

Are the people going to listen to this appeal for votes at the last day before election? I do not think they will.

It shows he is a coward and afraid to come out in the open. It shows, as an officer, I am doing my duty by treating the people all alike.

If you vote for Ben West for assessor you will be assured of the best treatment the assessor's office can give to all the people. (Paid Advertisement.)

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It looks like Wood against a string of dark horses reaching clear across the United States.

