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FOR FIVE AND AGAINST SIX

Ever since Oregon has had the initiative and referendum laws, the Statesman has taken a stand for or against every constitutional amendment and measure proposed to be voted upon by the people.

And this policy will be followed indefinitely. Constitutional amendments are good or bad, and so are measures referred to the people, initiated by petition, or referred by petition.

And generally the initiated ones are bad. Generally they are brought out by some man or set of men with wheels and cams and loose nuts in his head or their heads; or with grievances or grouches or grunts.

The amendments and measures proposed to be voted on two weeks from today are as follows:

301. No. An amendment to the constitution allowing laws to be passed making voting compulsory.

There is no call for this. It would serve no good purpose; might work much injustice and do no real good service. Is in the nature of a freak proposal.

302. No. Constitutional amendment extending legislative sessions from 40 to 60 days; raising the pay of members from \$3 to \$5 a day, and limiting the introduction of bills to the first 40 days; excepting by unanimous consent on roll call, or appropriation bills, or those pertaining to the defense of the state or nation.

The divided session measure mentioned below is a safer and saner and better measure; better calculated to serve the ends sought by this one.

303. Yes. The oleomargarine bill. Makes oleomargarine pose everywhere for what it is, without false colors. It is for the good of Oregon's great dairy interests. It was passed by the Legislature of 1919. Was referred by referendum petition gotten up by the oleomargarine interests.

304. No. The single tax Bolshevism. Would make land pay all taxes. Would confiscate all land. Would lead to Bolshevism.

305. Yes. To extend terms of clerks, sheriffs, treasurers and coroners to four years, instead of two.

Ought to pass. 310. Yes. Consolidating the port of Portland interests. Would give Portland better shipping facilities, and thus benefit the whole state.

311. No. Anti-vaccination amendment. Is a proposed amendment to the constitution. Would work great harm to all public health movements. Is a freak. Should be overwhelmingly voted down.

312. No. Fixing legal interest at 4 per cent. and all other interest at no more than 5 per cent. Is a constitutional amendment. It is understood was started as a blackmailing scheme. It is worse than idiotic. It would be a crime against all common sense. It would be business and social suicide. No sane or honest man or woman should vote for it.

313. No. Roosevelt bird refuge measure. This measure would rob large numbers of honest settlers in Harney county of their homes. It prefers pelicans to people, birds above babies. Would do no good and much harm and injustice and downright dishonesty.

314. Yes. Divided legislative session. Constitutional amendment leaving the Legislature as it is, but providing for a second session of 10 days in April, at which session, only, laws shall be finally considered and passed excepting measures for the support of the state government, which may be passed at the first session; and limiting extra sessions to the subject matter of executive proclamations.

This would be a good thing. Is in the interest of conservatism; against bungling; against loading up the codes with useless laws.

320. Yes. State market commission act. Would give great power to one man, in finding markets for the products of Oregon lands; in helping cooperative marketing associations, and in regulating warehouses and cold storage plants, etc. It is framed after the California law, in which state the best conditions for marketing all crops obtain. In the final analysis, we all live on what is raised on the land, and the men who cultivate the soil ought to have every help and encouragement possible and reasonable to make their operations stable and remunerative.

Have You Made a Will?

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(More about wills in this space tomorrow)

AN INTERNATIONAL STORY

He met her first on the 25th of December, 1917. Our boys had landed on English soil the day before, and after a delectable Christmas dinner of tripe, loyally doing overtime service as American turkey, were seeking adventures.

The boy of this tragedy, James Barron, after taking a reef in his belt, for the dinner had not been filling, went for a stroll.

Jeanie McGregor, a Scotch lassie from the Highlands, was far from home, and lonely too, so she went for a stroll also, and the two met. He noticed the gold of her hair, the blue of her eyes, and her general winsomeness, before he found courage to speak, but when he once did, the adorable way she gurgled the r's in his name finished the business. She confessed later that she was equally smitten.

Both dutifully wrote home about the affair and both received similar replies. His from far away Salem, Ore., written by his father, said that it "Will break your mother's heart should her boy marry a foreigner." Her's written by a doughty Scotchman said "No daughter of mine shall marry a foreigner."

In this crisis Jamie remembered his geography. He saw marked on the state of Texas "Acquired by annexation." A happy thought came to him, if possible for a country, why not for a girl. So he proceeded to annex his Jeanie.

Marriage was a simple affair at home. He supposed it was the same everywhere. He was mistaken. They did not belong to the class who apply for "special dispensations," so the banns must be published for three Sundays. Such an ordeal he and his bride had to undergo. The third Mrs. Barron for had there not been three ceremonies? They rented a room that looked out on back yards and chimney pots and smelled of bilge water, but to them the view was a combination of the Lake district, the Alps, and the Columbia river. The smells were transmuted by love into the perfumes of Araby the blest, and life went merrily on.

(The Red Cross will tell you the ending of this little idyl, tomorrow.)

Vote for five of the measures, vote against six.

Only this week and next to do the weikin ringings.

A new instrument, the sarrusophone, has been introduced into the eastern bands. Wonder if Senator Harding can play it?

The voters of this country will pass judgment on the administration of President Wilson two weeks from today. That is the question before the American people.

Cox is always the "candidate" and never the statesman sobered by approaching responsibilities. But possibly he knows that no presidential responsibility is approaching.

Cox says the adoption of the Wilson covenant would mean disarmament, although the Democratic administration has coupled the league with proposals for the largest peace army and navy in American history. But that is also Cox's way.

The proposed state market commission act gives a lot of power to one man. But, given the right man, it will kill as dead as the mummy of Rameses the incipient movement of the Bolshevism yclept the Nonpartisan League, in Oregon. And it will render the men of Oregon on the land a great service.

The Statesman has either supported or opposed every measure submitted to the Oregon voters. This paper never expects to be neutral. There are eleven proposed amendments and measures on the present ballot. The Statesman believes six of them should be killed, as follows: The compulsory voting proposition, the sixty days legislative session amendment, the single tax fraud, the anti-vaccination folly, the 5 per cent rate of interest idiosyncrasy, and the Roosevelt bird refuge, preferring pelicans to people and birds above babies. The other five, the writer believes, are worthy of support.

Another thing: A complete Republican victory at the polls two weeks from today will give the Filipinos great relief. The Democratic administration over there has saddled unbearable burdens upon the Filipinos, who must support it with their taxes, if they can. Princely salaries are being paid to third fathers-in-law of the governor, and Democratic office holders from the solid south are drawing great salaries for doing worse than nothing. A cigar drummer from the south is telling the Filipinos how to raise tobacco; another nincompoop Democrat is telling them how to raise copra; and he thought copra was something to bait your hook to catch fish with when he was appointed. So on down the line.

FUTURE DATES.

- October 23, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Salem Commercial club.
- October 23, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Silverton high school at Salem.
- October 26, Tuesday—Unwinding of painting of Jason Lee in hall of representatives in state capitol.
- October 28, Thursday—Eugenic clinic at Commercial club.
- November 2, Tuesday—Election day.
- November 6, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Pacific University at Forest Grove.
- November 11 to 25—Red Cross roll call.
- November 11, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. McMinnville, at Salem.
- November 16, Tuesday—Football, Salem high school vs. Dallas high school, at Salem.
- November 18, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound, at Tacoma.
- November 20, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene.
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- November 21, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem.
- November 25, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. The Dalles high school, at The Dalles.
- November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.

HOOVER'S LEAGUE PROGRAM

By Herbert C. Hoover

I stand earnestly for "a" League of Nations to minimize war and to prevent, for "the" League with alterations in the direction pointed by the Republican reservations. My reasons are as follows:

(1) I have not forgotten the 50,000,000 human beings who have died because of this war, or the death toll which will stream from it for many years to come. I have not forgotten the social revolutions that have followed from the collapse of government, the dangers they have presented, and continued to present to our civilization. I have not forgotten that it is impossible with our modern world communication, to maintain the isolation of the United States. I know that the march of dreadful invention during the past war and the addition of our genius to these inventions in the future will make the next great war a war of soldiers against civilians even to a greater extent than the latter part of the past war. I know that every social invention that has another great war will further loosen social forces that will destroy our civilization and its foundation in individualism. It requires no demonstration that the world has larger offensive armament today than before the war; that, for instance, the British navy now dominates the entire world, including the United States. The world, including ourselves, is groaning today under taxes imposed by these armaments. To at least try to lessen the danger of these things we require co-operative international action—"a" league.

(2) I consider the essential principle of such a league to be a constant and regular representation of the authority and confidence of their own countries in continuous service to mitigate the causes which give rise to war. Their objects must be the progressive disarmament of the world, the settlement of disputes by advice and conciliation, the establishment of international justice and arbitration, the maintenance of organization, procedure and of the peace, the creation of a public opinion against acts of aggression. It needs no more powers than public opinion and upon approval of the most powerful weapon in modern civilization, that is, the economic boycott, the countries who would disregard the decisions of international tribunals and start ventures that could involve the world in war. Furthermore, such a body can perform great and beneficent service to the world in building up of international action concerned with the protection of life and private property at sea, the spread of contagious disease, the development of international communications. To together with many million other Americans, I care but little for the words in which such an agreement is expressed. It is immaterial to me what the name of the body is. The world has gotten used to "League," so there is no point in change.

(3) I see no reason why such a body should have any power that leads to super-government or that in any way minimizes the very essential principle of nationalism upon which our patriotism and progress are founded. I do not believe that interest in the welfare of our neighborhood undermines our family life. On the contrary, I believe it strengthens it with wider understanding. I do not consider that the question of the powers of such a body is a matter of principle, as has been contended by our Democratic friends; it is merely a matter of method. While to get peace I would have accepted Article X, subject to superauthority of congress, I have always believed that any power of such a body to call for military force undermines the intrinsic strength of any institution that must be based on moral forces and public good will. The power of economic boycott can be implemented without military force and the resolve to have neither communication nor business with a nation bent on aggression is a more potent weapon for good than any threat of military aggression. The world has come to a condition of economic dependence upon which no nation can morally or physically survive continued isolation. The privation, unemployment, economic difficulties that arise in any nation so isolated are such that no political element in that community can continue in control. I do not consider that such a council should have the right to commit, either actually or morally, any of the member nations without their considered vote.

(4) I believe that the present covenant with alterations indicated by the Republican reservations entirely covers such an association as I describe. I favor building upon the present league as a matter of practical statesmanship. Thirty-nine nations representing 75 per cent of the people of the globe have accepted it. They are not going to consent to its destruction; they will accept alteration and improvement. The present league has functions connected with the execution of the Treaty of Versailles that make it an integral part of the stability of Europe, entirely aside from its functions in the prevention of war. By necessity some reservoir of insoluble problems, such as Danzig and Constantinople, the present league is intertwined in the stability of Europe and can not be torn down without again jeopardizing the world in war. The stability of Europe and its gradual recovery are absolutely vital to every working man and every farmer in the United States. I do not believe responsible or practical statesmanship will for one moment invite chaos by endeavoring to tear up the settlement which has been arrived at. This treaty is by no means perfect, but I know of no human compromises that reach the area of perfection. So far as I have been able to observe, the other members of the league place no premium on the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" in regard

month of operation — which sounds mighty good.

And there is a good deal of construction and installation work yet to be done; such as setting up the new tissue paper machine, the assembling of saws to handle larger logs, etc., etc.

After that, there will be the north power to develop, grinders to install there, and there will be no end to the new facilities and machines and workmen needed to keep up with the markets that are open for the products of the paper mill.

The Republican administration will early discover that Salem is on the map, and that its postoffice has double the business it had a little while ago, and growing like a house afire; and that more men and women are needed to properly handle the accumulating mail, coming and going. Burleson thinks Salem is a small town, needing only the same force it had back in the dark ages when the business of the office was only a quarter of what it is now.

For one who ardently advocates a league, I have no faith in a party that will delay the world's peace for over a year by obstinately refusing to meet the public demand over points of method that even they now appear to question by promising some kind of reservations. I have confidence in the assurances of the Republican party to bring about an agreement to install the major purposes of a league, and that under President Harding we will have an era of practical statesmanship that quickly dispose of the problem in a large, broad-minded way, by building upon the present structure—and then get to our other great job—economic reconstruction.

Engineer Finds Snow in Southern Oregon

C. C. Kelly, an engineer of the state highway department, who has returned from a tour of projects in southern Oregon, reports a considerable fall of early snow in the mountains of that part of the state. He found snow on the roads leading to Klamath Falls from Ashland and Lakeview and

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

The agony is about over.

This week and the next, then the skids for the Democratic party and all its works.

Has Jup. Pluv. taken the tomahawk to our Indian summer?

It is suggested that there be a league of peace and interpretative reservations to settle the South Salem war over the question of sick folks or school children for the school building out at the end of South High street.

It would settle a wiser man than Solomon to settle the matter to the satisfaction of all sides and slants and angles.

The new Salem paper mill is already running on high, with the throttle open; and it is whispered that it will break even the first

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 Mrs. Ida Thompson, appointed administratrix of her husband's estate, was in the justice court yesterday. She was valued at \$2,000.

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Discharge Filed—
 Hugh Webb, in the U.S. in France and discharge papers in county clerk.

Vandeville Today
 At the High

Plea Is Guilty—
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