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VOTE FOR ALL FIVE MEASURES

Ever since Oregon has had the initiative and referendum, it has been the habit of The Statesman to either support or oppose every proposed measure submitted to the voters of the state.

Five proposed amendments and measures are to be voted on at the special election of June 7th—And The Statesman believes an affirmative vote ought to be given each one of them.

First is a proposed amendment to the Constitution, extending the sessions of the Legislature from 40 to 60 days, and raising the pay of members from \$3 to \$5 a day. The business of the state of Oregon has grown to such an extent that a 40-day session is not sufficient—and, surely, \$5 a day is a modest per diem to pay members.

The second is also a constitutional amendment allowing the bonding of the state up to 3 per cent of the taxable property, to raise money with which to pay soldiers who fought in the world war an average of \$120 each, less money they have already had from the state; or to loan them \$3000 each at 4 per cent interest, in order to buy farms or build homes. In the case of Marion county, this would affect 1500 men. Very little bonus money would be called for or paid; but many homes would be built and farms purchased and improved. There would be several hundred homes built in Salem. Each farm thus bought and improved, and each home thus built, would immediately get onto the tax rolls; and it would pay taxes for all time. Each farm or home sold would automatically pay an interest rate of 6 per cent. So, in the course of time, with a lowering rate of interest paid by the state on the bonds, and a rising rate paid on the individual loans, and the extending amounts paid in taxes, it may be easily imagined that the state will not be out a cent in thus placing its credit behind the veterans of the war.

But a great service will have been rendered the patriotic men who offered up their lives for the saving of world democracy.

The third is also an amendment allowing the Governor to veto the declaration of an emergency in any bill without affecting the bill itself. That is manifestly a good move.

Fourth is the bill requiring both applicants for a marriage license to pass a medical examination. If this is a good thing for men, it is equally good for women—in the interest of the race of people in Oregon for the future generations.

Fifth is the bill allowing women to serve on juries; but providing that women may release themselves from jury service. There are cases where women ought to be on the juries; for instance in the case of a criminal action involving a minor under 13 years of age either as defendant or complaining witness, in which case provision is made that at least half the jurors shall be women.

All these five measures ought to be discussed. The time is not long now—only a month. The columns of The Statesman are open and free for their proper discussion by any one.

There is time yet to get seed and plant broccoli; though a great deal more seed cannot be had this year at any price. It is to the interest of the whole industry that the acreage in the Salem district should be as great as the seed to be obtained will admit. It will make for better marketing, and therefore higher prices for all the growers. A wonderful advance will have been made in this district if this industry can be put fully on its feet in one year. After one successful crop, it will take care of itself.

The \$10,000,000 cannery merger is making headway; and there are indications that it will be of great service in marketing the fruit crops that are now coming on; some of which will be ready for the buyers very soon.

It is high time the emergency tariff emerged.

Sweet Salem slogan subject next week—sugar. What do you know about sugar beets? Tell the slogan editor.

Old Dock Sun Yat Sen has decided to resign the presidency of China. He is afraid he doesn't represent the majority of the people. He would never do to run on the Democratic ticket in this country.

An appropriation of \$35,000 has been made by congress for army pigeons. The pigeon that saved the Lost Battalion was alone worth more money than that.

A record has been made in a ski jump of 229 feet. But some of the pedestrians on Salem's principal streets beat that record when trying to get out of the way of the automobiles that are now going to exceed ten miles an hour when the driver is taken into custody.

It is the woman who must try to stretch the old dollar to cover high prices. "Housewives' nerves" have taken the place of the "housemaids' knee." The long strain is telling on hundreds of women who did not reach the crisis earlier, when prices were at their peak. The women have been carrying the brunt of the general tension in the home.

A woman down in California lost her mind worrying over her income tax return. She was afraid in her ignorance that she had defrauded the government out of a small amount. Her experience was unusual. The general rule is for those liable for the payment of the income tax to lie awake at night scheming how to defeat the government. It is the collectors of the revenue, mostly, who lose their minds trying to get the money.

Whether society will be any better for the publicity it has undergone of late remains to be seen. As long as grave offenses against morality are tolerated as matters of course, certain parts of society will continue to be rotten. Wrong cannot be condoned without degenerative effects on humanity. Ostracism of the wrongdoers might tend to build up a new respect for the too commonly sneered at observers of the conventions.—Hartford Times

To a multitude of Americans the thought of a lady in the cabinet, specially charged with the duty of making us all healthy and good, will no doubt be alluring. But congress also has a duty in relation to the public welfare, and it is to make the administration as efficient and economical as possible. Even the grandiose scheme for a department of public welfare ought to be made to give a clear answer to the questions: "Will it work? Will it pay?"—New York Times.

TIME FOR ACTION. The German play, "Policy of Procrastination," which has had such a long run because the allies were unwilling to resort to force to end it, will be closed in a very short time. France stands ready, backed by Britain and Italy, to ring the curtain down soon, but will allow Berlin to do it voluntarily by paying in cash a large installment of the sum due for reparations. The men who devastated northern France and Belgium and who have sought by every means in their power to evade paying for their scoundrelly work have been told that the time for words is past and that the allies will now revert to acts. "We creditors hold a legal deed," said Premier Briand in a debate in the French chamber of deputies, referring to the Versailles treaty, which is Germany's promise to pay. "A process-seeker has been dispatched to Germany and if our debtor persists in refusing to pay, the next time a policeman will accompany him." The Teutons keep talking of new

FUTURE DATES. Mar 5 to 8 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association. Mar 7, Saturday—Celebration of Founders' day—Chambers. Mar 7, Saturday—Marion County track meet and baseball tournament. Mar 8, Sunday—Mother Day. Mar 9, Monday—Lecture by Oliver W. Stewart at First Christian church. Mar 10, Tuesday—Graduating party, Willamette University School of Music, Waller hall. Mar 13, Friday—County Sunday school business meeting at the Salem Public Library at 4 o'clock. Mar 15, Sunday—Second meet of the Salem Eugene Central golf tournament at Blaine Club links. Mar 16 to 19—State Rehearsal assembly in Albany. Mar 17, Tuesday—Dramatic recital by Fred Mettrey and Martha Ferguson at Waller Hall, Willamette university. Mar 18, Wednesday—Welcome program for newcomers at Commercial club. Mar 20, 21 and 24—Baseball, Williamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. Mar 27, Tuesday—Auction sale of blooded Jersey at state fair grounds. June 16, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland. June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises. June 18, Friday—Annual senior play by High School. June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds.

THE MAN WHO SAVES IS A LUCKY CHAP. "LADY LUCK" always accompanies the man with determination enough to save, but she shies away from the waster.

If you consider the other fellow "lucky," spell it "plucky," and you will have the secret of his success.

The first step to Luck is opening an account at the United States National Bank. Pluck will keep it going.

United States National Bank, SALEM OREGON

counter proposals, but France will have none of them. Paris has flatly informed its old enemy that there is no use beginning over again discussions already closed. "Coercion in all means of coercion in our power," is the decree of Premier Briand. It has that ring which Wilson gave to the sentence, "force to the utmost," which so delighted America after it had unwillingly been forced to put up with repeated insults. Marshal Foch, "the gray man of prayer," is ready to carry out the ultimatum that France must be paid. The French have given the Teutons every latitude, but the time has come when forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. They must either be paid or go in and exact payment and at the same time show the Germans that they cannot lay waste their neighbors' lands without suffering the penalty.

HOOPER TREATS 'EM ROUGH. The president, importuned as he is by delegations and representatives and senators in the great patronage melee which is inaugurated with a new administration, must sigh when he learns of the manner in which Mr. Hoover not only can but is treating applicants. There are no strings on Mr. Hoover.

A man who wanted the job of director of the census was ushered into Mr. Hoover's office. There was no long talk. There were no delegations to say that Jones was a good worker for the party and that his appointment would strengthen Mr. Hoover in Podunk. Only the candidate and Mr. Hoover were there. There was quick action. Ten seconds after his entrance his mission was known.

"Are you an expert statistician?" asked Mr. Hoover. "I am not, but—" began the candidate. "Then you are not the man for the place. Good day," cut in Mr. Hoover.

That was all. The man was outside the office, with the refusal, before he could catch his breath.

Small wonder the senators and congressmen are "worried at the sudden restrictions placed upon their recommendations and the growing importance of cabinet heads in dispensing jobs."—Worcester Telegram.

MR. MELINCIO AGAIN. Editor Statesman: Dear Sir: Thank you very much for publishing our letter of March 31st, although it took a long time for us to get the clipping. We also thank you for answering our questions as frankly as you did, for while your opposition seems to us laden with set prejudices against our cause, yet we appreciate the friendliness of your spirit and your evident wish to play fair.

We have not pre-empted the report to be rendered by General Wood. To do so would be idle. We will have time enough to present our side of the case when the report comes out. What we took exception to was your attack on the administration of the retiring governor general. That Francis Burton Harrison has left things in a mess we most emphatically deny. We submit that the test of whether an administration has been successful is whether or not those administered over are satisfied. We Filipinos are satisfied with the results of Governor General Harrison's administration. Why, therefore, an anti-Wilson should persist in condemning Mr. Harrison is something we fail to understand.

In replacing American officeholders by native Filipinos (not by "deserving Democrats" as you allege), which seems to have been the only fault you find in Mr. Harrison's administration, the retiring governor general was merely complying with the rule originally laid down by Mr. Taft: "The Philippines are for the Filipinos"; and he was teaching our people in the simplest and most effective way the responsibilities of self-government, as we would not otherwise have learned in generations of "mothering." Compare the results of his eight years' administration with the progress made by our people in the preceding administrations, and you will find that facts and figures do not lie. In judging us and our progress, however, we hope you are not comparing us to American standards of efficiency; for there is hardly a nation in the world that can compete with the United States. What we claim is that we are capable of managing our own affairs, thanks to the teaching we have received from the "greatest self-governing nation in the world." We do not claim perfection. We are doing our best, learning lessons by our mistakes, as does every nation and every individual, willing to learn. But we are not willing to be guided longer by the leading strings of any nation.

You allege, "The recent proposed legislation in the Philippine congress attempting to require all voters to wear pants gives an idea of our preparedness to join the family of civilized and progressive nations." Herein you are "fumbling, botching, butchering and juzzing" facts. The bill proposed was not aimed at voters at all—it was aimed at the handful of mountain people we have, which corresponds to your Indians here. They constitute an insignificant

portion of our population, for they number only about 400,000. There are 10,500,000 civilized, up-to-date Christian Filipinos. The bill you mention was deemed necessary by the senator who introduced it because of the many malicious misrepresentations that have been staged in this country by the enemies of Philippine independence; these have submitted pictures of our mountain people and have claimed that they REPRESENT the Filipino nation that aspires for independence. As Americans know so very little about the Philippines they have taken these misrepresentations as biblical truths.

You dismiss us with a shrug of your shoulders, saying we are "propagandists." If placing facts and figures of our progress in education, culture, physical development of our land, medical and scientific research, agricultural and financial growth before you in an orderly, gentlemanly fashion—if this be propaganda, then we are propagandists. But those also who untruthfully write articles against Philippine independence are propagandists; with this difference—they know they are maliciously doing an injustice and trampling upon the rights of an entire race of people whose belief in the principles of the American Declaration of Independence is as strong and unshaken as your own.

Enclosed is a cartoon which presents our case clearly. As your American cartoonist says: "We seem to have forgotten something in the last 150 years." We might add: "It does make such a difference whose ox is gored."

We hope you will be kind enough to publish this letter for which we assure you we shall be very much obliged. Very sincerely, —J. P. Melencio, Director.

Washington, April 25, 1921. (The above has been crowded out for several days for lack of space. "But we are not willing to be guided longer by the leading strings of any nation," says Mr. Melencio, who is the director of the Philippine Press Bureau, and who in the quoted words represents the sentiments of a lot of politicians in the Philippines. They want more power for themselves. The people of the United States are not so ignorant of conditions in the Philippines as Mr. Melencio would have it understood. All the Spanish-American war veterans in this country know something about conditions there; and so do all other Americans who read. And, willingly or unwillingly, the Filipinos are going to be guided by the leading strings of some nation for a long time yet—and it would be better for them, and for the rest of the world, if that nation should continue to be the United States. What nation would be holding those leading strings now if the United States had not intervened? The fact is, in the opinion of this writer, it would be much better for the people of the Philippines if they devoted their energies to the development of their country and the betterment of their people, under the government they now have, than to be spending any of their energies seeking for an independence that would be disastrous for them, and which they could not maintain. But The Statesman will be glad to abide by the conclusions of General Wood.—Ed.)

EVERYBODY WILL SEE THE ELEPHANT. Everybody will see the elephant. Circus grounds on 14th street; usual place.

AL BARNES IS A GOOD SPORT, AND HE HAS BUILT UP A BIG CIRCUS. He has new winter quarters down near Los Angeles that are the

finest ever possessed by a circus manager. The weather man is finally guessing it; will be easier from now on.

YOU HAVE JUST A MONTH TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND ON THE FIVE MEASURES.

THE COME-BACK OF WHEAT IS PUTTING A BROAD SMILE ACROSS THE FACES OF PEOPLE UP PENDELTON AND WALLA WALLA WAY.

THERE ARE A LOT OF COME-BACKS DUE, AS SOON AS CONGRESS GETS THE MAIN TARIFF BILL ON THE STATUTE BOOKS, AND PERFORMS A LOT OF OTHER STATESMAN-LIKE ACTS THAT ARE OVERDUE.

THE OVER THREE BILLIONS IN GOLD IN THE GOVERNMENT VAULTS GIVES A

feeling of stability; but it would do a billion times more good if it were used to stabilize the commerce of the world.

THE GOVERNOR OF VERMONT SAYS THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE OVER-EDUCATED. Possibly he is right. But a student who knows the addresses of all the movie stars and how many times they have been divorced is not to be despised.

Coming MARY MILES MINTER In "The Little Clown" It's a Circus

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Comer, Shenandoah, Va., were both ill. He writes: "Rheumatism and bladder trouble was our trouble. My wife had rheumatism in her arms so she could not use them. She has had no trouble since taking Foley Kidney Pills. I don't have to get up at night so much since taking Foley Kidney Pills, nor have I a weak back." Backache, sore, swollen or stiff muscles or joints, tired languid feeling—yield quickly to Foley Kidney Pills. Sold everywhere.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH SICK

THE JUDGMENT OF GOD IS ON— It Is Court Week in Heaven

A Wonderful Sermon Study by EVANGELIST BELL, Tomorrow Evening, 7:30, UNION HALL, COURT STREET, Near High

The Judgment of the Last Day, and the exact time of it told in the Bible. Come and hear about it. "We must all appear before the Judgment Seat." You have a case pending at the bar of God. The greatest crisis in human history. Are you prepared for it? Come and Hear This Wonderful and Impressive Bible Truth

THE BIG SHOE SALE IS NOW ON AT The Price Shoe Co. Saturday Is the Second Big Day

We want to ask our friends to come in early as we will be crowded all day. Watch Sunday's paper for next week's announcements, hundreds of new bargains put out each week. These are some of the bargains that brought the crowds on opening day.

Men's Brown and Black Elk Work Shoes; \$3.50 and \$4.00 grades \$2.65

Women's Black and Brown Pumps; regular \$12.00 grades \$8.95

Boys' Brown and Black Dress Shoes; \$6.00 and \$7.00 grades \$4.95

Men's Brown Dress Shoes; all sizes; \$9.00 grades \$6.95

Women's Dress Shoes, Brown and Black; \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00 grades \$4.95

Men's Brown English Dress Shoes; rubber heels; \$14.00 grades \$7.95

Women's Black Lace Comfort Shoes; \$6.00 and \$7.00 grades \$4.95

Men's Black Kangaroo leather lined, rubber heels; \$15.00 grades \$8.95

Women's High Grade Brown Oxfords; all sizes; \$12.00 grades \$8.95

Women's Felt House Slippers, all sizes and colors; \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades \$1.95

Women's High Grade Black Oxfords; all sizes; \$10.00 grades \$7.95

Men's Leather House Slippers; all sizes; regular \$5.00 grades \$2.95

Women's Low Heel Brown Oxfords; all sizes; \$9.00 grades \$6.95

Children's High Grade Shoes; up to \$5.00 grades \$2.95

Women's Low Heel Black Oxfords; Kid and Calf; \$8.00 grades \$5.95

Children's high grade Pumps; all sizes; \$6.00 grades \$3.95

WOMEN'S WITCH ELK OUTING SHOES, BROWN AND SMOKE; \$13.00 GRADES \$9.95

ARTHUR S. KANE presents CHARLES RAY IN "THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE" A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION

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