

Announcement

The OREGON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY takes pleasure in announcing that it has secured the services of Mr. George A. Ferguson, of Pendleton, as Umatilla county representative.

Associated with Mr. Ferguson is Mr. Tom Quinn, formerly with the company at Prineville.

Pendleton has also been chosen as the headquarters for Cy H. Pruner, the company's agency supervisor in Eastern Oregon.

The State Insurance Commissioner's report issued in 1916 shows that the Oregon Life leads all competitors in the state and has now passed the ten million dollar mark in business.

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PENDLETON.

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Why Vote Pendleton \$125,000

for something we already possess—a State Normal School plant in Eastern Oregon?

Why vote an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill for a Pendleton Normal when one-fortieth of a mill would provide ample maintenance for the Weston Normal?

Do you want to be out of pocket \$325,000 in ten years? This is the approximate sum that a Pendleton Normal would cost over and above the cost of the Weston Normal, allowing for a nominal increase in state valuations.

Every man, woman and child in Oregon is annually taxed \$30, according to A. H. Harris, a Portland writer. Taxes for all purposes in 1916 reached the enormous total of \$22,000,920.94. Schools alone cost \$7,000,000. Why toss tax money away by granting Pendleton's absurd demands?

Why Not Reopen the Weston Plant?

It's ready for use and consists of four buildings and ten acres of ground. It has been recently inspected and approved by such prominent architects as Beezer Bros. of Seattle and Osterman & Siebert of Walla Walla. Beezer Bros. say that \$2000 properly expended on the principal building would bring it to an "almost perfect condition." These substantial taxpayers, officials and men of affairs denounce the Pendleton scheme as one of "extravagant folly."

J. M. Benister, Mayor of Weston; Homer I. Watts, Mayor of Athena; H. B. Richards, Recorder of Athena; H. A. Barrett, Merchant, Athena; C. A. Barrett, State Senator, Athena; H. S. Lee, ex-County Commissioner, Milton; J. F. Shoyer, Merchant, Freeewater; C. D. Hobbs, Mayor of Milton; H. L. Frazier, ex-County Comm'r, Milton.

Why did not Pendleton confine her bill to a normal school proposition? Why does she seek to "validate" institutions that are firmly and lawfully established? Is it not clear that this is a vote-catching device? Isn't it "log-rolling" of the rankest variety?

And finally, would you care to send your children to a town impregnated with Round Up atmosphere? Isn't it a fact that a great Round Up town is for that very reason a poor state school town? Would you want your children to carouse, dance and gamble in Happy Canyon or to even witness its wanton revelry?

(Paid adv., F. D. Watts, E. O. DeMoss, Wm. MacKenzie, S. A. Barnes, Clark Wood, Weston, Or.) **Vote 309 X NO**

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VOTERS, BEWARE!

When the voter gets into the election booth in November and begins voting on the initiative measures let him remember what one remarkable measure will do. It is called the "Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemakers' Loan Fund Amendment" on the ballot, although its petitions were circulated under another name.

If adopted, every other form of property will be exempt from taxation and land alone will bear the burden. Railroads and public service corporations will no longer pay their share of the taxes. The small man must pay his share as well as theirs.

Also, after paying taxes to support all governmental expenses, the land owner must pay a tax so that loans as high as \$1000 may be made to persons who have never saved anything for themselves. These loans are without interest and with questionable security.

Unless this measure is swamped under a flood of No votes, farm land and town real estate values will drop out of sight before their unfortunate owners can catch their breath.

THE TIDAL WAVE

With such a candidate as President Wilson and such a record of party achievement there has been from the start of the campaign the most solid ground of hope for Democratic success. Now the evidences of victory begin to appear.

The Chicago Tribune, the leading Republican paper of the middle west, admits that the number rock-ribbed Republican state of Illinois is very doubtful—a fact some time ago known to those familiar with the situation.

Francis J. Heney states that California is sure for Wilson, the Progressives there not being sheep that follow blindly, but people whose politics are based on principles.

David Lawrence, of the New York Evening Post, after a tour of the state of Minnesota, puts that state in the Wilson column, and Michigan is placed because of many political judges. Strong corroboration is given thus by the fact that Michigan is being given ten times the amount of attention usually given it by the Republicans, from the big guns they are using there one would think it a Democratic Verden instead of a state rolling up a 200,000 Republican majority.

From every state reports backed by solid facts and reasoning come in showing a tide of faith and loyalty toward the President moving steadily over the land.

It may lack sound and fury and spectacularity; there are none of the "slaying" or "scourging" or the "skinning them alive" features in the movement such as characterized the Republican campaign. It is too deep for sound or foam. But it moves forward and onward with inevitable impetus, having behind it as its source and force the growing belief that President Wilson has preserved us from war and more than maintained, has in fact increased the national honor; that he has served the farming interests and the laboring interests of the nation with wisdom and courage; that he has

emancipated the children of the country, served the cause of humanity abroad and kept faith with the American people and with the world.

"A Umatilla County Citizen" who assails C. P. Strain in the Pendleton Tribune and is afraid to sign his name, is entitled to about as much consideration as an ambushed bushwhacker.

Speaking of the speaking of one of the g. o. p. spellbinders, what in Sam hill is he able Tooze say?

A vote for Geo. H. Bishop for district attorney is a vote for a well quainted lawyer, an upright citizen and a substantial taxpayer.

Do not confuse the Single Tax bill, which is first on the ballot, with the rural credits measure, which is seventh. Vote 007-A. No if you would save your real estate from virtual confiscation.

Glory be, the fall rains have copiously come!

Nailing all of Pendleton's campaign lies would be a task for a Titan.

The Japanese may be able to make baseballs at less cost than our American manufacturers, but it will be some time before they can play with them as skillfully as the average American youth.

That Chicago needs one thousand more cops sounds pretty bad. However, one probably owes it to that city to attach some significance to the claim that there are 100 square miles to be patrolled.

Some people regard a murder trial in English country gentlemen regard a fox-hunt. A fox hunt is a failure if the fox gets away.



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