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SENTINEL'S MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS

In making recommendations as to the twelve measures on the ballot at next Tuesday's election, the Sentinel hopes that no one will think this newspaper is trying to tell him or her how to vote. Those who have made up their minds on the questions have undoubtedly studied the measures and know why they are for or against each one. But a number of voters have asked this paper's opinion on certain measures and it is the province of a newspaper to point out the good or poor features of any proposed law.

With this thought only in mind, and not attempting to "tell how to vote," as one voter recently expressed it, the Sentinel presents the following:

The constitutional amendment allowing the governor twenty days in which to veto a bill is a good measure.

The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to adjourn for not more than five days is a good measure.

The amendment repealing the double liability of stockholders in banking corporations is another which there is no reason for opposing.

The amendment repealing the double liability law is a dead letter now. Get it off the statute books.

The legislators' compensation measure is a bill which Oregon has voted down many times, but it is a just one.

Three dollars per day compensation, even with traveling expenses, does not compensate for the output for living while in Salem for 40 days, and a busy man, or one qualified to act as a legislator, cannot afford to give his time to attending sessions of the legislature. The not qualified man, or woman, we do not want at any price.

If legislators of the highest type were always chosen the state would not see such a mass of unnecessary laws adopted at each session.

The Sentinel recommends 304 Yes.

The fourth measure submitted by the legislature to a referendum vote is that requiring medical examination, both physical and mental, of those applying for marriage licenses. If that law is adopted, and actually enforced, honestly and fearlessly by those making the examination, the result will be a better and more sane citizenry in Oregon.

Vote 306 Yes.

The slot machine measures, on which referendum was asked by popular petition, are intended to curb gambling in Oregon and both should be adopted.

Vote Yes on both 308 and 310.

The other six measures were proposed by initiative petition. The first directs the legislature to memorialize congress, asking that a national convention be called for the purpose of proposing a U. S. constitutional amendment looking to enactment into law of what is generally known as the Townsend Plan. The Townsend Plan would be infinitely preferable to the present Social Security law and the Sentinel recommends

Vote 312 Yes.

The Transaction Tax measure, if adopted, would be the ruination of Oregon, unless it was in effect in all states of the union. Pyramiding a two per cent tax on each article of merchandise from the raw state to the retail sale, as well as on every other transaction, would prove such a load that the people in desperation would soon ask for a special election to vote on its repeal.

Vote 315 No.

The bill regulating picketing and boycotting is a controversial measure. That it goes too far in its attempt to stamp out racketeering and domination by those whose sole thought is self-aggrandizement is believed by many who would like to see some control of the agitator. That the bill is for the protection of farmers and industry is not denied and its adoption would stop such crimes as have afflicted Oregon for the past few years. A reading of the report submitted by Ralph E. Moody to Gov. Martin, on the prosecution of racketeers, must convince anyone that there is need for such regulation as is contemplated in the proposed bill.

Vote 316 Yes.

The water purification and prevention of pollution bill is a start in

cleaning up the rivers and streams of Oregon. No one can object to such a law.

Vote 318 Yes.

The bill regulating the sale of alcoholic liquor is one about which there is as much feeling as any on the ballot except possibly the one regulating picketing and boycotting.

If the people of Oregon, a majority of them, favor a return to prohibition days, the bill will be adopted. The opponents of the bill claim it will mean a return to bootlegging and its resulting horrors. And it probably would, unless officers whose duty it is to enforce all laws honestly attempt to do just that.

The provision in the proposed law that there shall be no state liquor store within a quarter of a mile of any church or school would abolish nearly all the liquor stores in Oregon. In Coquille the distance from store to church is just under the 1320 feet which the law would set as the minimum distance between the two.

This writer reserves the right to vote for the bill himself and believes the great majority of the people in the United States would be better off if no alcoholic beverage was obtainable.

Vote 325 No against the bill legalizing lotteries and other forms of gambling. The state is better off without having to take a percentage from legalized gambling.

The general idea in voting on measures is that it is safe to vote on each and every one, but that is not the case for next Tuesday's election. There are two bills which should most certainly be voted down. The others are meritorious.

It is not to be so greatly wondered at that thousands of people took the Columbia Broadcasting Co. dramatization of H. G. Wells' book, Sunday afternoon, as a literal description of what was happening on the Atlantic coast and as an authentic news portrayal. Have they not for nearly six years taken seriously the flapdoodle which has permeated the air waves and which always starts with "my friends."

Fragments

Great moral truths are eternal. We find the quotation from Elbert Hubbard, "When a man wrongs another, he wrongs himself most, and so really is an object of pity, not revenge," is phrased for the modern mind. However, a counterpart for the first idea in his statement may be found in the English of King James' reign: "The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh," a maxim from the Book of Proverbs. It is this book of wise sayings which King Solomon is credited with gathering together one thousand years before Christ and the proverbs contained in it were probably current among his people many centuries before he assembled them. That there is divine wisdom in them cannot be doubted for they are as applicable today as they were to the shepherds who first put them in words. We do not want to be sacrilegious but, in urging a study of the Book of Proverbs, we might say: A proverb a day will keep the devil away.

Next Monday the most of the rest of the world will enjoy an eclipse of the moon, which will be invisible to us of the western part of North America. From the time the moon first enters the penumbra until it leaves it, the duration of the eclipse will be three and one-half hours.

However, we need not feel slighted for two weeks later, on November 21, the sun will stage a partial eclipse for that part of the globe which the moon passed by. At Portland the beginning of this partial eclipse is set for 3:51 p. m. but due to our more western position, it will start a few minutes earlier here. Unless it is a clear day, we will probably fail to notice that late afternoon to be darker than on any other cloudy day.

Do you earn \$18 a week? If so you are paying \$100 a year in hidden taxes.

"Industry, all noosed and haltered, as if it, too, were some beast of chase for the mighty hunters of this world to bait, and cut slices from, cries passionately to these its well-paid guides and watchers, not Guide me, but Laissez faire; leave me alone of your guidance!" Does anyone read Carlyle nowadays? In his history of the French revolution he thus sets forth as one of its causes the regulation of trade and manufacturing. However, he lays most of the blame on the huge deficit which Louis XVI had inherited from his two predecessors, from his grandfather, Louis XV, noted for his profligacy and death-bed words, "After me the deluge," and from Louis XIV, the grand monarch, a despot who claimed unlimited power in his "The state? I am the state." History records that the debt of this king, Louis XIV, was the "seed-plot of revolution and soon passed all power of

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Sentinel files of November 8th, 1918):

Armistice has been signed, claimed the Sentinel in one headline this week but in another article an apology was made for announcement. Although everything looked as though there would be peace in a few hours, the announcement was premature and had leaked through the cablegram to the Times at Marshfield by error.

Mrs. M. A. Colebrook received a telegram announcing the death of her son, William, who died in France, October 6th of pneumonia. World also comes that one of the three sons of George H. Hell, of Riverton, was killed in action on the western front in France.

The Corn Show has been scheduled for December 13-14 and every organization and business man is backing the move to the fullest.

In the fall election, Sheriff W. W. Gage on the democratic ticket and Lloyd Oddy also for the democrats had been re-elected by wide majorities over their opponents, Geo. Laird and F. C. Getty. T. J. Thrift was elected to the legislature at the same time and A. L. Nosler, constable, in this district was re-elected.

In the city election the results showed E. E. Johnson for Mayor, 298 to 82 for S. M. Nosler, his opponent. Vote for city recorder, J. S. Lawrence was 329 and almost unanimous in light of the small vote polled by his opponents. For council, J. A. Lamb, 340; W. H. Mansell, 291; Allen McLeod, 250 C. T. Skeels, 28; Sam Whetstone, 2; and W. H. Lyons, 2.

Mrs. J. J. Fox reports that her husband has successfully secured employment at the shipyards in Marsh-

field and the family will move over there for permanent residence next week.

W. B. Doyle has re-opened the old Sam McAdams blacksmith shop at the corner of Front and Ferry streets.

V. R. Wilson, jeweler, was clearing out all service rings and pins at 50 per cent discount.

Marshal A. P. Miller says that he would rather arrest a drunk anytime in preference to some of the dogs he has taken into custody lately.

S. V. Epperson whose hand was injured at the Johnson mill last week has had to withdraw from any activity at all.

R. H. Creager and Herbert Lukens came home last Saturday evening from Eugene, where they had been attending the Business Men's Training course at the University.

A murder took place at Myrtle Point last week when John Dittore was stabbed by Antonio Magione. The two were section hands working for the S. P. at that point.

M. O. Hawkins has resigned his position as bookkeeper for the E. E. Johnson lumber company. Miss Edna Asplund is running the office for time being.

James K. Cavers and family left for Reedsport where Mr. Cavers will take a position with a lumber firm there.

W. B. Strowbridge, of Bandon, has moved his painting outfit to Coquille now and is located in the building next to the Farmers' store.

superintendents, shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis. There is need for that kind of law, and it should be enacted with the least delay possible.—Oregonian.

Death claimed another member of the state's official family this week in the person of James W. Lewis, warden of the state prison. "Square Deal" Jim, as Lewis was best known to the prisoners who have come under his wardenship, was generally recognized as one of the outstanding prison heads of the nation. Entering the service of the prison in 1919 as deputy warden Lewis had been constantly associated with that institution ever since, except for a lapse of four years from 1923 to 1927, when a change in administration resulted in his dismissal. He was returned to the institution in 1927 as warden, serving in that capacity ever since. His administration has been remarkably free of escapes and riots, a fact which was attributed to the rigid discipline he maintained in the prison. Lewis was born in Benton county, Oregon, in 1868, and observed his 70th birthday anniversary last month.

Lack of a legal quorum prevented the emergency board from taking action on a request for an appropriation of \$18,000 with which to finance an agricultural exhibit at the San Francisco World's Fair, at a meeting in Salem last week. Only four members of the board attended the meeting. The law requires the affirmative vote of five members for the approval of an appropriation. Another meeting of the board will be called soon. The \$18,000 requested represents the unexpended balance remaining in the state appropriation for the New York World's Fair from which Oregon has withdrawn.

It now appears as though LeRoy Hershel McCarthy, convicted slayer of Floyd Fuelner, Portland service station attendant, will have the doubtful honor of initiating Oregon's new lethal gas chamber. McCarthy's conviction was affirmed by the supreme court last week. The prisoner will be returned to Multnomah county soon for resentencing. He previously was sentenced to die on January 7, 1937, but received a stay of execution pending his appeal to the high court.

Members of the state parole board spent Saturday and Sunday inspecting the parole camp in Elliott park in northern Douglas county. It is expected that the board will recommend to the next legislature the establishment of several of these camps in which paroled convicts can be given temporary employment imme-

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management."

The good king, Louis XVI, reigned for nearly nineteen years before the guillotine claimed him and one desperate remedy after another "to balance the budget" was proposed by his ministers. If that had been possible the revolution might have been bloodless and the king have become a constitutional monarch. Instead more loans were floated, paper money replaced the coin of the realm, which was withdrawn from circulation. One minister hastened the revolution by his gay and profuse expenditures to cure matters and "waste is the true alms-giving of kings" became the rule of conduct.

How long can our country survive the fettering of industry, the wasting of the substance of the workers, the devaluing of the dollar and the piling of billion upon billion in the national debt?

Know Oregon: While the 1930 census counted 853,786 persons in Oregon, it is now estimated there must be more than 1,020,000 people here. The total population of United States eight years ago was 122,775,046, while now, on the basis of known vital statistics, it is put at 130,000,000. One million out of one-hundred, thirty million does not make us a very big toad in Uncle Sam's puddle, but let's hope we make up in quality what we lack in quantity.

Is there beauty in: The ebony clouds of smoke which billow from the Smith plant's huge smoke stack of white concrete? The arrow-point of the wild geese against the sky? The arch of a cat's back as he begs for his supper? The freshness of a newly painted house of ivory white and green? The wisps of fog in the hills? The grace of our native hemlock? We can speak for no other, but for ourselves we find pleasure in all these things.

DESERVING ON HIS RECORD

It is the general judgment to those who are close to educational affairs in this state that Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, is competent and well qualified and is doing a good job. He is young, progressive, industrious and of excellent personality.

Mr. Putnam was appointed to his office when C. A. Howard resigned to become president of the Eastern Oregon Normal School. He is running now for election to the office he holds, on the democratic ticket.

The office is not one that should be in party politics. A man's fitness for the place does not depend upon his political affiliation but on educational and administrative qualifications. These Mr. Putnam has demonstrated by his record. On that record he is entitled to election and should be elected. Meanwhile, it is good news that legislation is being prepared which will provide that hereafter the state superintendent of public instruction, as is now true of county school

districts following their release from the penitentiary.

Completion of the new state library building has now been tentatively fixed at February 1. The new structure which forms a unit of the new capital group will house a number of state departments in addition to the library.

A total of \$70,127,774.39 passed through the state treasury department during the fiscal year ending June 30, last, according to a report by Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer. That was nearly \$9,000,000 above the 1936-37 figures. The amount includes revenues from all sources—income taxes, bond sales, liquor revenues, gasoline taxes, automobile registration fees, insurance and corporation taxes and fees, etc. The cash balance to the credit of the general fund as of June 30 amounted to \$11,414,810.16, approximately \$140,000 above the balance at the end of the previous fiscal year.

Drastic reduction in fees being paid to attorneys by the California-Oregon Power company was demanded by Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace in a letter addressed to the company this week. Attorneys, fees, retainers and other legal expenses aggregating approximately \$35,000 a year are charged against operating costs and come out of the pockets of the rate payers. Commissioner Wallace pointed out.

Voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect a governor, United States Senator, three Congressmen, three supreme court justices, a Labor Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of State, 17 State Senators, including those to fill out unexpired terms, and 60 members of the House of Representatives. In addition they will be called upon at the same time to pass judgment on an even dozen measures, initiated and referred, that appear on the state ballot.

Because of the hotly contested gubernatorial and senatorial battles as well as the wide-spread interest in several of the measures, a heavy vote is anticipated. Dave O'Hara, elections clerk in the state department, predicts a 65 per cent vote, which based upon the registration of 557,620 would indicate that some 360,000 men and women can be expected to exercise their franchise on this occasion.

Republicans and democrats both find much encouragement in the registration figures which show a gain of nearly 11,600 voters in the state since the general election of 1936. Democrats point with pride to the fact that they now hold clear majorities in 13 counties, their forces being more numerous than those of the G. O. P. in both the second and third congressional districts. The republicans, for their part, find consolation in the fact that they are still more numerous in the state as a whole, although the

democrats have pulled their lead down to slightly more than 13,000 as contrasted with the two-to-one majority enjoyed by the republicans in this state as recently as six years ago.

Indications still give Charles A. Sprague the edge in the gubernatorial race and Rufus C. Holman in the contest for the senatorial toga. In the congressional race, James W. Mott, republican, is expected to be returned for another term over Andrew C. Burk, democrat, while Walter M. Pierce, veteran democrat, is picked to defeat U. S. Ballantyne, republican. In the third district, however, it appears to be a toss-up between incumbent Nanny Wood Horneyman, democrat, and Homer D. Angel, republican.

All three supreme court justices are expected to be returned to office. Neither J. O. Bailey nor Hall S. Lusk have any opposition in the general election while Henry J. Bean, veteran member of the high court, is expected to win handily over his opponent, Howard K. Zimmerman. The secretary of state's race looks like a walk-away for Earl Snell, incumbent, republican, over Emily Edson, democrat, and Rex Putnam, democrat, is picked as an easy winner over C. A. Rice, republican, for superintendent of public instruction. Considerable uncertainty, however, prevails as to the outcome of the race for State Labor Commissioner, where Charles A. Gram, republican, incumbent, is admittedly going to have difficulty in retaining his post over Clarence F. Hyde, Eugene democrat, who aspires to succeed him.

The state's cut from pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog racing this year totalled only \$93,999, falling short of the 1937 "take" by \$10,000, according to a report by the state racing commission. The state's share represents 2 1/2 per cent of the \$3,759,960 wagered by patrons of the pari-mutuel windows during the year.

State-aided child caring institutions will have to look to the forthcoming legislature to make good a \$49,000 deficit in the state appropriation for their support. Governor Martin this week turned down a request from heads of the institutions and members of the child welfare commission that the Emergency Board be asked to make up the deficit.

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