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FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR OREGON

What policies shall control in the organization of the next general assembly and in the new state administration that will be in control of the affairs of the commonwealth for the next four years?

The people do not want an old fashioned legislative session starting with fifty thousand dollars wasted on five and ten dollar a day useless clerks and experts and ending with an orgy of log-rolling and midnight sessions for big appropriations without formality of rollcalls.

The people do not want four or five hundred new laws passed creating new jobs and commissions, creating new places for pets, and imposing new taxes, fees, licenses and permanent burdens on the taxpayers. All candidates have run on economy platforms and the people demand action.

In California a governor has been elected who as state treasurer has resisted expansion policies, salary raising and padded payrolls, and his platform is business policies in state affairs, death to parasites, but retaining all useful and necessary state employees.

In Washington a new state administrative system has abolished 71 boards and commissions and 284 state employees in administrative service, making a direct saving of \$1,734,719 in the past ten months, and a yearly reduction in the state payrolls of \$133,962.

A commission of prominent men was named early in the year to report on the Washington administrative system. Will they submit a report of any kind favorable to reform on new lines, or will they uphold the present system which has resulted in checking state development?

The people demand a cut in the total of tax rates, without weakening the efficiency of our state government, without abandoning a progressive highway system or impairing our educational system. Washington has increased the efficiency of state government by an entirely new system.

Millions of dollars in taxes are delinquent in this state. Single counties have had to bid in fifty to one hundred thousand dollars of taxes on lands, and continuing old methods will turn this state over to the tender mercies of socialism and communistic radicalism.

Confiscatory taxes are eating up the prosperity of the producers and the property of the people. Continuation of such policies by an old-fashioned loot legislature will meet with stern rebuke by the people.

An inefficient, machine-ridden legislature, organized on the old lines, pursuing old methods, with reckless, careless, extravagant incompetent leadership will not relieve the plight of the people, nor promote the development of industries, or bring settlers to Oregon.

Great promises were made during the campaign as to what could be cut from the overhead of state expenses, and there is a strong spirit of retrenchment in many counties and cities and budgets are reduced from the estimates of 1921, and state estimates will be reduced.

One state official estimates that \$250,000 a year can be cut from the administrative charges of state departments without lowering the efficiency of the service. The budget estimates from all state depart-

ments are now in and the state board of control is reviewing them.

It would be possible before the legislature meets for the old and the new governor or any state official to go over every function of state administration to find just what it costs, what money it earns and turns into the state treasury, how many employed and at what pay.

With these facts in the possession of the governor's office, that officer could decide what might be abolished or reduced or consolidated with some other function, what salaries might be reduced or increased, and after receiving suggestions from the people, publish the same.

The facts of each department should be given to all the newspapers of the state, not just the Portland newspapers, with the recommendation of the governor in each case, and the legislature would not dare ignore the recommendation to apply business principles to the situation.

The buck can no longer be passed on administrative reform. Two \$10,000 commissions have been created in the past and one has a long report to lay before the legislature. Another is to report on the expediency of the Washington administrative code.

No corporation or private business would hesitate to put its affairs in order, and while dealing fairly with all faithful employees and necessary services, would not fail to adjust its affairs to the ability of the people to pay, and make every department prove value received for money invested.—The Manufacturer.

WHY ARE WE INTERESTED?

If you would ask the people of such states as Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico what industry was among their greatest employers of labor and producers of new wealth, they would say mining.

If you would ask the people of Washington and Oregon what industry was their greatest employer of labor, they would tell you lumbering and logging.

If you would ask the people of these states how conditions were when these industries were inactive they would tell you, bad.

Lumber is the barometer of prosperity in the northwest states, mining is the barometer of prosperity in the mountain and southwest states. Both these industries are dependent on sound business conditions which encourage general industrial activity requiring new construction, railroad development, hydro-electric development and building of all kinds.

It would seem therefore, that western people would be solidly behind any national program looking to the maintenance of safe and sane national policies and to moderation in taxation. Also that they would be against radical labor policies of the I. W. W., the Russian destructionists and our own labor leaders who apparently would not hesitate to wreck the country industrially in order to establish the dictatorial programs.

It is the common citizen who suffers most when our big primary industries such as lumbering or mining are interfered with by local, state or national policies.

Have you had the pleasure of waiting at the foot of Rex hill for an hour yet? If not, you have missed an experience which hundreds of our people are having to undergo these days. Last Sunday when the watchman signaled the autos to go through at the 4:30 p. m. opening, there were 66 cars in line. We understand that at times there are more than this lined up.

If "pop" counts for anything Newberg high school ought to win the game on Turkey Day. The youngsters have been showing all kinds of pep during the past week in anticipation of their game with their old rivals—McMinnville.

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Don't forget to purchase a few of those little Christmas seals for your packages this year. It will cost you only a few cents and it means a great deal in the aggregate for the great work of turning back the white plague through the efforts of the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

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