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EVIDENCE FROM BURNS

In discussing the Roosevelt bird refuge measure we have pointed out hitherto that it is a compromise between the proponents of the bill and the Harney county interests. This is brought out so clearly in a recent article in the Oregonian that we quote from it. After describing meetings between those favoring and those opposing the original bill, the article proceeds:

"The result of these meetings was the present compromise bill, to which the officers of the Roosevelt Bird Refuge association yielded. It was drawn up to safeguard the land-owning and irrigation interests in Harney county, as specified by the Harney county delegation.

"There was no disagreement as to the great value of maintaining the bird reservation, as it is under government control, and the feeling was unanimous that it should never be destroyed. In this measure ceding jurisdiction over the waters of the lake to the government, is the explicit statement written in by the Harney county delegates to the effect that this is 'subject to existing water rights, filings and applications to use,' impound or appropriate water made in conformity with the water laws of the state of Oregon."

"After this final settlement and agreement, the Herald, one of the two papers at Burns, Ore., under date of June 12, 1920, said:

"The result was most gratifying and satisfactory, as they (the delegates) succeeded in having the bill redrafted without the objectionable features. It is now satisfactory to the people of this county, who never did object to the reserve, but did object to its interfering with the development of the country."

"The Harney County News of Burns, Ore., under date of June 17, 1920, said in its headlines: 'Birds and Babies Settle.' Among other things, the article says:

"All is well that ends well, etc. It's all over and both sides are benefited, etc. Charles W. Ellis, the popular candidate for the state senate from this district, was delegated to place the just cause of Harney county in a proper light before the sponsors of the bird reservation bill and, if possible, to get the teeth drawn out, which Mr. Ellis, with the able assistance of Dr. L. E. Hibbard, succeeded in doing by compromise, and the bill will go on the ballot in the following form, and which meets with the full approbation of the irrigationists."

"In the press of the state at the time was an article that came from the Burns Commercial club, saying that the Harney county people effected a compromise with the framers of the bill and are now friendly to the measure.

"Taking into consideration the above facts, does it not seem to any fair-minded citizen that there is no real conflict on the Roosevelt bird refuge measure between those people who are seeking the legitimate and honest development of Harney county and those who desire Malheur lake saved because of its present and future value to Oregon, and because it is the greatest living memorial to Theodore Roosevelt?"

THE DIVIDED SESSION

The Divided Legislative Session Constitutional Amendment, to give this initiative measure its full title, awakened only feeble interest in this immediate vicinity until a few days ago when explanation and favorable opinion sent out by the State Taxpayers' league came to our attention. Now, having read and studied the contrasting arguments, we are thoroughly interested and hope to see the bill pass.

According to present arrangements, the Oregon legislature may stay in session as long as it wishes, but its members are paid for only 40 days' attendance. The result is that when the 40 days are up, the legislature adjourns, the inference being, it may be remarked, that our lawmakers go to Salem for the \$3 per day they receive for their service, and not because of any especial interest in making laws for the state. To finish in this allotted time, there is always a jam at the last minute. Laws are passed without due consideration. Jokers are slipped in. Hasty and ill-considered measures come out of the hopper and then need

construction and interpretation by the supreme court.

To get away from this sort of thing the measure with the long name has been proposed. Under it the legislature will meet first for 40 days, and then, after an interval of 60 days, again for 10 days. In the first and longer portion of the session, bills may be introduced and considered, but final action taken only on governmental appropriation bills. Final consideration and passage of bills will occur in the second period after the 60-day interval for general public discussion.

Legislative authorities believe that the divided session will tend to produce more intelligent, more thorough and better laws and do away with much that is objectionable in our present system. It should be supported.

SINGLE TAX

After years of defeat the single tax idea is with us again in the shape of a constitutional amendment, which will be voted on next Tuesday. The measure is frankly single tax. There is none of the camouflage or sugar-coating that has accompanied such bills in the past. There is no extra little prize in the package. It is wholly—contents, wrapper and all, nothing more and nothing less than single tax.

Under the measure all taxes for the support of government of any kind in Oregon are to be assessed on land, and land only, until July 1, 1925, and thereafter the full rental value of the land is to be taken as taxes, irrespective of improvements.

We must confess to a feeling that the state should receive in some way a much larger share of the unearned increment of real estate than has ever been the case. Possibly the method worked out in England some years ago would be desirable as a means of returning to the people some of the value they give to land merely by living near it in sufficient numbers. But the confiscation of all value is not the way to do it. And that is what single tax is.

Single tax in the form provided by this measure would make the government a universal landlord. No one else would be interested in owning land, for there would be no return on land. We think government has enough to do without going into this business. In fact, Harding's new phrase, "Less government in business and more business in government," is very appealing. There are plenty of other reasons why the measure should be defeated, the insecurity of the home owner, the stagnation of development, the destruction of existing rights that would be seen if it became law.

This time let's smear it along with the interest rate-bill.

If Judge Gary thinks steel prices should be lowered, he's the man who can do it.

Indian summer having been found, we are ready to pay the reward.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of October 27, 1905.)

The Oregon Eastern surveyors are still engaged in locating a railroad

line between Madras and Bend.

A dispatch in the Oregonian says the attorney general has given an opinion to the effect that the D. I. & P. Co. can collect interest on liens only from the date of reclamation, and not from the date of contract.

Wednesday Nick Smith moved into the building formerly occupied by the Pilot Butte Co.

The C. B. Allens have taken the Awbrey building, near the Deschutes postoffice, for the winter.

John Sisemore has returned from a trip in the mountains of Jackson county.

J. S. Smith, deputy sheriff, of Bend, went to Prineville Saturday to aid in taking a number of prisoners convicted of crimes to Salem.

The annual city election will occur on the fifth of December, when there will be chosen a mayor, a re-

order, a treasurer, a marshal and four aldermen.

STOP SCHOOL FOR POTATO HARVEST

GRANGE HALL, Oct. 28.—School was closed last week on account of potato digging, which has not yet been completed. The majority of the crop is far below normal in quality.

Mrs. Cyr and daughter, Virginia, of Duluth, Minn., are visiting Mrs. Frank Le May. Mrs. Le May and Mrs. Cyr are sisters.

Fred Reynolds helped Jim Nelson with his potatoes Thursday. Jim Nelson and daughter, Vida, have helped Mr. Chase the past two days in digging his potatoes.

O. Dable, Mr. Craigness, E. E. Butler and Jim Nelson rented Mr. Chase's potato digger to get out their crops of tubers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds and

daughter, Elizabeth, called at the Frank Le May home Sunday afternoon.

Katherine Holgeson is ill with a cold.

Herbert Clark of Hermiston came over in his car last week to visit his brother, Lester Clark, of the Richardson district.

E. E. Butler has several Indians work for him in the potatoes. Alex Walters purchased a car last week.

Dorothy Young called on Karna Hettman at Mrs. Jackson's Sunday. Mrs. C. M. Rasmussen motored to school with Mrs. Fred Hettman Monday morning.

Mrs. George Erickson called at the Hettman home Sunday afternoon. L. C. Young butchered last week. Karna Hettman is helping out at

the Jackson home during Mrs. Jackson's illness.

Ethor Erickson and Gladys Dahle visited with Violet Hettman Sunday.

L. C. Young called at the Dickie home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hoeh and Mr. Scott and family called at the P. J. Young home Sunday.

Several of the neighbors have heard from Mrs. Whitterman since she has located in her new home at Coquille, Ore., and the reports are very favorable.

Mr. Dickie is working on the highway at present.

Violet Hettman, who has been ill for some time, was able to enter school this week.

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WOULD YOU, AS A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN OF OREGON, PLACE SUCH A SIGN ON THE BORDERS OF THIS STATE?

This is exactly what you will help to do if you do nothing to prevent the passage of measure No. 314 and 315 on the November ballot entitled, "Constitutional Amendment Fixing Legal Rate of Interest in Oregon."

This measure proposes to limit the rate of interest in Oregon to 5 per cent. You can, by law, fix the rate of interest in Oregon, but you cannot, by law, force the loaning of money in this state, when a much higher rate can be secured elsewhere. The passage of this measure would force the withdrawal of the millions of foreign capital which is today loaned on factories, business and real estate in the state and send your local money owners outside of the state to better investments.

Passage of this measure would mean foreclosure of thousands of mortgages; would result in financial paralysis, and would mean widespread unemployment.

You, no doubt, understand the viciousness of this measure, but have you talked to your neighbors and friends about it? We urge you to do everything you can to defeat this measure. Oregon's reputation as a sound state for investments requires that this measure be overwhelmingly defeated.

VOTE 315 X NO
AND URGE YOUR FRIENDS TO DO LIKEWISE.
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