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Here at home, Governor Withycombe has cooperated with the President in every war activity. His zeal in patriotic work has been unbounded. He is intensely American. The unparalleled record Oregon has made in all war time activities and the alacrity with which the state has responded to every call for patriotic endeavor is due in part to the leadership of Governor Withycombe.

Both in the halls of Congress at Washington and in the Governor's office at Salem, the people of Oregon are fortunate in having experienced men with a record 100 per cent American—men who are standing behind the President for a vigorous prosecution of the war to a speedy victorious conclusion.

Senator McNary, Representatives McArthur, Hawley and Sinnott, and Governor Withycombe should all be re-elected. They are at their posts of duty. None is making a campaign. They are too busy serving their state and nation. They should be returned for continued service. Election of new and untried men, lacking in ability and experience to fit them for the positions, would not only be unwise at this time, but would fall far short of the patriotic duty of the voters of this state.

**PRESIDENT WILSON'S APPEAL**

The following from the National Republican for October 19 is of interest to voters at the coming election:

"Some of the politicians powerful in the present national administration,—the same politicians who urged President Wilson to make a stumping tour of the country during the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign,—are urging President Wilson to make a partisan appeal to the country in behalf of Democratic candidates for office. They pretend to believe that the situation in that case would be like that of Lloyd George in England, who is expected to go to the country with an appeal for a vote of confidence in the near future. Of course the situations are not parallel. England has a parliamentary government and the election of a parliament adverse to Lloyd George would automatically retire him from office. The only significance of an appeal by President Wilson would be that he is acting in his capacity of Commander-in-Chief of the Democratic party in trying to put over something at the elections for the benefit of the Demo-

cratic party. It would be a partisan rather than a patriotic appeal, and would be treated by the people as such,—as it was in Wisconsin, where the trick was tried. President Wilson cannot make a blanket appeal in behalf of the Democratic party at this time without the grossest injustice to the many Republican congressmen who have supported the war measures of the administration, and without deliberately giving aid to many Democratic congressmen who have not stood by war measures which would raise question as to the sincerity of such a move. It would deliberately create misunderstanding abroad as to the meaning of the election results in November, and therefore deliberately risk American prestige abroad. It is unbelievable that President Wilson will take the advice of the small bore politicians who place partisanship before patriotism."

Contrary to popular expectations, after the President had publicly stated that "politics is adjourned until after the war," the President did make such an appeal to the voters of the country. His action in placing partisanship ahead of patriotism is calling forth a storm of criticism from all parts of the country that is bound to rally Republicans to the support of their candidates.

The injustice of the act is pointed out by the fact that the Republican members of Congress, as a whole, have been more loyal to the President's measures than have the Democrats.

The very latest measure, woman suffrage, proposed by the President as necessary in winning the war, and in support of which the President appeared before the Senate and made a personal appeal on behalf of its passage, was defeated in the Senate by the votes of 21 Democrats, 19 of whom come from south of the Mason and Dixon line. Only ten Republican senators voted against the measure. In the House disloyalty to the President on behalf of Democrats was still more apparent. The vote on the suffrage measure stood as follows: Democrats, for 99; against 103; Republicans, for 172; against 33.

The President's appeal is causing some embarrassment among Democrats of Oregon, in view of the fact that the Democratic candidate, Oswald West, on April 30th issued the following statement on behalf of Senator McNary, the Republican candidate: "Senator McNary is giving the President his unqualified support in the prosecution of the war." So pleased is Mr. West with Senator McNary's record and capabilities that he declines to make a campaign in his own behalf.

Oregon Republicans should show their unqualified support of the war and the best interests of the Allied cause by casting their ballot for Senator McNary.

**WHAT REASSESSMENT MEANS**

The "Reassessment" measure that will again appear on the ballot at the city election November 5th, should be adopted in the opinion of those who understand it, and will be adopted if the voters have the best interests of the town at heart.

A similar provision already exists in the charter, but, owing to a slight defect has been invalidated by the Courts. The adoption of the new measure is to remedy the defect.

"Reassessment" in this case does not mean, as was the popular opinion at the recent special election, that a second assessment can be levied on property along which street improvements have been made. It simply means that where, after the original assessment has been determined, it is found that by some error certain property has been left out, or, in case where the original work contemplated cannot for some reason be completed, the original assessment can be annulled and a reassessment made, apportioning the cost equitably to all property directly benefited by such improvement.

The case of Oregon Avenue is cited by the city officials as one in which the reassessment provision is vital. The improvement on this street, owing to legal obstructions, cannot be completed according to the original plans. For this reason the original assessment cannot be collected or reduced unless the reassessment measure is adopted. In the event it is not adopted the cost to date of the entire improvement must be paid out of the general fund, which means by the taxpayers of the city at large. The amount of this cost is more than \$8,000. If the measure is adopted the project can be concluded at its present status and the assessments reduced to cover the amount of the present improvement.

Do the taxpayers of the city at large wish to pay for the improvement of Oregon Avenue, or do they want the property owners along that street to pay for that portion of the improvement now completed and have it stop there? That is the question at issue.

It has been contended that the adoption of the measure will revive the old Sixth street case. Such is not the case, as it is only operative where the city has jurisdiction in the original assessment. In the Sixth street case jurisdiction was never obtained.

After all, the recall has been recalled.

Patriotism should take precedence over partisanship in the election of men to Congress.

**SWAT 'EM BOTH**

The "economy" slogan is a splendid idea, and the American public has taken to it as a duck is taken to water. Its practical application as a win-the-war idea is a fine thing and as a developer of national thrift it can't be beaten. There is such a thing, however, as working the idea overtime, and there is such a thing as using it, under the guise of patriotic ardor, to carry out the most diabolical scheme of designing spite-workers.

Thus we find Sam Jackson and the Portland Journal waging a bitter campaign against the country editors of the state of Oregon, in advocating the delinquent tax law amendment and a new legal rate law. "Economy" shouts the Journal and its wealthy editor, and of course to bring about a real era of economy, the voting public is urged to support the two bills bearing the earmarks of Samuel Jackson.

Economy is a fine quality for the state, as well as the individual, and were Mr. Jackson's motive actuated purely from the economy viewpoint his daily editorials might ring with sincerity.

Look out for these laws. Editor Jackson has supported freak legislation before—most notably when the single tax idea was smothered by the voters of the state. The present statutes which Mr. Jackson would place on the Oregon law books, would have no more to do with an era of economy throughout the state of Oregon than would a bill to cut down the price of a shave. The thinking voter will give both measures a close analysis, and the thinking voter of the state will come to a conclusion on the worth of the measures about as follows:

Both Measures should be vigorously swatted by the voters, for the very sane and simple reason that the present laws, passed by the Oregon state legislature, are fulfilling their mission, by protecting the public from the wiles of the title grabber. Any law that is protective and is of practical service to the people of the state should be let alone.

To be more specific the present delinquent tax law provides publication ONLY after a mail notice has been sent to the delinquent and has failed to fulfill its mission. In other words the publication is simply a precautionary measure to inform the delinquent who has changed his address, or who through some reason fails to get his mail notice, that his taxes are due and payable. The effect of such a law cuts out the chances for the title grabber who hangs around the tax collector's office from the moment the taxes become delinquent, in an effort to line up and pick up some so-called "snaps." A "snap" to the title grabber is picking up of your property or mine, for the taxes due plus penalty and interest. It's a great business to follow, but just the same it is being done in every county in the state.

Jackson would cut out this publication from the present law. Any sane voter can see the result. Let the present law stand the way it is, if you are in favor of protecting the taxpayer.

The other bill is to cut down the present rate for legal advertising. At the present time the law fixes the legal rate at 5 cents per line. The Portland paper asks usually \$1 to \$1.50 per inch for their commercial advertising. The state law makes the rate about 40 cents per inch. The thinking voter will decide for himself whether the rate is exorbitant. The newspaper men have a right to live. They are doing a most meritorious work in boosting bond sales and in fact every line of war activity, and have won highest praise from President Wilson for their patriotic publicity work, which by the way is all donated to Uncle Sam. The thinking voter will concede that the country newspaperman has a right to exist. It is no time to throttle the press of Oregon, or any other state.

Swat the Jackson measures—both of them.

The spirit of "fairness" of the Gold Beach Reporter in trying to adjust the Liberty Loan difficulty between Curry county and the Bandon district is emphasized by the method employed in discussing the case. Instead of reprinting the entire article from Western World of October 14, in which the Bandon committee explained the situation, the Reporter reprinted only a part of it, omitting the very part that went to show that the Bandon committee has been acting in good faith. To top it off the Reporter gave the article the following heading: "Curry County Coin Sought by Coos." If the Reporter by such method expresses the sentiment of the Curry committee, the matter may as well be dropped. However, it is hoped Northern Curry residents will not be misled as to the good faith of the Bandon Committee and the Bandon people.

A vote for John S. Coke for Justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon is a vote for honesty, fairness and ability. He is a highly respected citizen of Coos county and deserves the united support of his neighbors. Unfortunately his name is not on the ballot. He is a candidate to succeed the late Justice Moore. It is necessary to write in his name. Don't forget it.

Although they differ in politics, Senator Chamberlain and McNary are working harmoniously together and making every effort to secure for Oregon those things to which she is justly entitled.—Oswald West, April 28, 1918.

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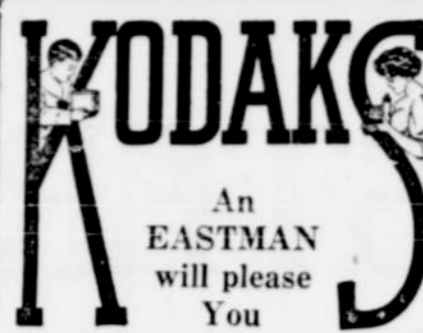
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