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VOTE WISELY—NOT TOO WELL

President may rise or fall, sheriffs may go out or go in and bills innumerable may be incorporated into laws next Tuesday as the electors mark their ballots at the end of the campaign.

It may appropriately be hoped that every voter has or will have studied the ballot until he or she is definitely decided upon the proper series of marks to be placed on the official white sheet drawn on election day. It is very important. The choice itself is important and it is more important yet that voters actually choose the course of government they desire and the one that will be the most helpful to them. Our form of government is based on the theory that everyone will be able to vote for their own interests.

That theory was more easily translated into fact in the early days of the republic when ballots were and issues were clearer. In this state with its initiative and referendum there is a chance that all may not fully understand the ramifications of every bill offered to the voters. Arguments for and against bills are so often misleading that it sometime requires a little investigation on the part of the voter to know which side of the bill is best.

There are bills on the ballot that take away some of the rights of the people and give them to the legislature, that open the way to taxation and bond issues beyond the wish of the taxpayer, that muddle old established institutions until their service to the state is impaired. It is the duty of the voter to check these proposed laws.

No one in a democracy can feel aggrieved if the actual will of the majority is invoked at an election if the vote really expresses the studied wish of the electors. And in this election, national, state and county let us hope that the majorities that win are voting with a complete understanding of the questions involved. Don't vote "NO" because of a lack of understanding of the bill—understand it first and then vote as you please. Know the platforms and abilities of the candidates and make your choice. May the best candidates win.

WHEAT'S UP

Our wheat is coming up. That statement would have been most ordinary a few years ago when everyone expected their wheat to come out of the ground before freezing weather. For the past four falls there has been a small proportion of the wheat that was able to burst into the outer world that signifies birth to wheat plants. It is cheering news that the fields are getting a green cast this fall.

We have a little more moisture than we have had in the bad years and we have a little earlier start and maybe these advantages together with the snow and rainfall of the remainder of the crop year will put us once more on a fair basis of production. It is quite enough to have low prices without the added handicap of low yields and we hope as we always do in the fall, that nature has at last decided to give us an even break on production.

The Zorn-McPherson school moving bill seems on the verge of winding up the campaign without a friend which might have been expected. A more to completely change the educational system of an entire state should be based on constructive principles instead of destructive and should have as its primary purpose the increase of educational opportunity instead of merely a promised saving of taxes. It would be a great boon to the real estate speculators of Corvallis and they have supported it nobly.

November is here again and it is time we began casting about for something to be thankful about. We submit the campaign is about over, the sale of wheat to China is assured, the Regional Agricultural Credit agency is getting started and it looks like it might rain again.

Boys soaping windows on Hallowe'en insure at least one window washing per year.

If the voter listens to all the speeches broadcast over the radio at this time he is demon for punishment, indeed.

Perhaps, some day, we will find out the truth of these political charges and counter charges. But by then it won't make any difference.

Armistice day this year will be November 8.

Political Announcements

TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY

The law provides that the salary of the Sheriff of Sherman County shall be \$1,800.00 per year, and also provides for the mileage expense as follows:

Section 27-3041 of the Oregon Code provides that a sheriff shall receive mileage fees as follows: "Every officer or person whose fees are prescribed in this title who shall be required to travel in order to execute or perform any public duty, in addition to the fees hereinbefore prescribed, shall be entitled to mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile in going to and returning from the place where the service is performed."

During my term of office I have traveled from 10,000 to 14,000 miles per year in the performance of my duties. A fair average would be 12,000 miles per year.

12,000 miles at 10 cents per mile or \$1,200.00 per year.
My arrangement with the County Court to care for this expenditure has been \$50.00 per month, or \$600.00 per year.

Saving to tax-payers of Sherman County a difference of \$600.00 per year.

It will readily be seen from the above statement that the tax-payers of this county have for several years past been receiving an annual saving from this source of \$600.00 per year.

It is common and general knowledge that State Officials and employees have been and are receiving 6 cents per mile for travel expenses. This arrangement was made by me with the County Court in a spirit of fairness and a desire on my part to co-operate with the tax payers of this county to the fullest extent possible, and was entered into willingly.

11-4 Hugh Chrisman.

Since I have been assessor of this county my office has consistently been operated at a less average cost than other county offices and also less than assessor's offices in other counties of the state of about the same size as Sherman. Deputy's salary and car expense for this office is lower than for any other office in the 1932 budget.

Assessment work has been done efficiently as may be proven by the rating given this county by the state tax commission for this year and every year during my term of office.

Because I have conducted the office efficiently and with low cost I ask for the support of those who desire effective conduct of county business.

Margaret W. Peetz.

For County Assessor

Seral W. Searcy

I stand for economy and efficiency. I believe that our public offices should be run on sound business principles.

In announcing my candidacy for sheriff of Sherman county I wish to pledge myself that if elected to this office I will perform the duties of the office for the \$1800 salary. I will not take any thing from the county for traveling expenses now costing \$600 or for office incidentals now costing \$250 per year.

Lot W. Rust.
Independent Economy Candidate.

Grass Valley

Ray Blake motored to Portland last Tuesday on a business trip. He made a flying visit evidently for he was seen in town again the next day.

October seems rather late for a vacation, but nevertheless Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds decided to do that very thing and last week found them at Harry Heising's out on the Metolius. Dell took his fishing tackle along but probably the bait was uninviting. Anyway we didn't hear any great tales of luck and escaping big ones. Dell said he had a good time anyway.

R. C. Byers, Moro farmer, was a visitor last week. He was looking for Judge Krusow and the latter was out of town.

Art Bibby being here for a few days with time on his hands relieved Harry Beezley for a few days visit to the valley.

We noticed that Bud Coon was boss at the lumber yard several days last week. Investigation revealed the fact that Jack Gervais, the manager, was looking around the city of Dec.

Business must be getting better; a special train rolled through here a few days ago.

When we saw a four horse spread coming up the highway last Saturday we thought someone was in train-

ing for a chariot race but as the equines and driver drew nearer it turned out to be "Slim" Barnett with a grain drill. He was going out to Rolfe to help that latter get his wheat in the ground.

Wm. Walker and daughter, Isetta, of Klondike were tripping the light fantastic at the pavilion Saturday night.

Clayton Vinton and Earl Perry, students at Pacific University spent last week end on vacation in Grass Valley. Must be a charm about the old place after all.

Ben Payne spent Saturday in The Dalles.

Harry Horner, Hood River apple grower, spent Tuesday in Grass Valley on business.

Bill Buecher is on his way to Germany. For three years he has been trying to arrange for the entrance into this country of his sweetheart and it has all been useless. Now Bill, refusing to let the path of love be permanently blocked by governmental edict, is on his way to Germany where he may be married and bring his wife home with him.

All who attended the Hallowe'en party at the Community house Monday pronounced it quite a success. The affair was arranged by the Woman's Club. Cards and dancing furnished the chief diversions of the evening and a short program was presented. A quartette composed of George Wilcox, Henry Tetz, Boyd Homewood and Vern McGowan furnished a few impromptu numbers and proclaimed loudly about spring time in the Rockies, following which each member gave vent to an individual outburst. Mrs. McGowan sang and performed at the piano as did Norma Garrett, Mrs. Tom Garrett accompanying on the violin.

Dorothy Olds dressed in one of Earl's suits was presented in a political speech as the much advertised but seldom seen "forgotten man." Phyllis Smith gave a burlesque health talk followed by a tap dance by Charlotte Beardsley and Janet Wilcox. Ray Blake acted as master of ceremonies on the stage and Dr. Foley on the floor.

Cider and doughnuts, yea, bushels of them were freely dispensed thereby satisfying the craving of the inner man and woman too for that

matter.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES

Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

A group of high school students took part in the program at the Hallowe'en Community party which was given Monday night, October 31.

The dramatics teacher, Miss Edmonds, is testing the voices of the class by the reading of Kipling's short stories.

Isabel Fortner, a member of the science class, injured her hand quite badly during a laboratory period last week. She pushed a glass test tube through her hand while performing an experiment.

The Grass Valley volley ball team played at Moro last Friday night and was defeated by a very narrow margin. Two minutes before the end of the game the score was 16 to 14 in

Grass Valley's favor, but the final score was 17 to 16 favoring Moro.

Next Friday the volley ball team will play the Wasco team at Wasco.

Last Wednesday Miss English, from the Walker School of Commerce, gave a demonstration of typing for the student body. Mr. Walker gave a short talk before the demonstration of typing.

Patronize Journal Advertisers.

A man was driving his baby car along a country road when a huge racing car shot by like a whirlwind and went out of sight in a cloud of dust. Some two hours later the racing driver, who had stopped for lunch a few miles down the road, was surprised to see the baby car just arriving. He hailed the driver:

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Paid Adv.

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