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AMENDMENT LEGALIZING CERTAIN LOTTERIES AND OTHER FORMS OF GAMBLING

This, the twelfth and last of the ballot measures to be analyzed in this series, is a proposed amendment to the state constitution under which the state would have the exclusive right to license certain lotteries and other forms of gambling.

The measure provides for licensing, taxing and regulating bowling alleys, bridge studios, pool and billiard rooms, shooting galleries, horse racing, dog racing and other forms of racing, and racing establishments conducted under the mutual of other wagering systems; bank nights; punchboards; pin ball games; vending machines and raffles and bazaars conducted by churches or other organizations for charitable purposes.

As a sugar coating to the measure it is provided that the bulk of the revenue realized from licenses and fees collected under its provisions shall be used in financing old age pensions. The legislature would be authorized to appropriate not to exceed 40 percent of the license money to the city or county in which the revenue originates and another not more than 10 percent to the support of public fairs or exhibitions.

Oregon property owners will be spared the necessity of plunging up for the support of the World War Veterans State Aid Commission next year if the State Tax Commission follows the recommendations of the Veterans commission and waives the half mill levy, as is expected. With loan repayments to the commission decreasing and its debt service increasing the wisdom of this action is seriously questioned by many well informed state officials who predict that the slight saving to the taxpayers next year will be far more than offset by increased revenues made necessary in the future years in order to keep the commission's sinking fund out of the red. Three times before this levy has been omitted, three times during the late Governor Meier and once under Governor Martin. Indications that income tax collections next year might not be sufficient to cover all state needs is believed to be responsible for the commission's recommendation that its levy be waived.

Of the 23,313,287 acres of timber land in Oregon, 15,500,000 acres or more than 60 per cent, are in some form of public ownership, State Forester J. W. Ferguson, points out in his annual report this week. The federal government alone owns more than 15,500,000 acres of timber land in this state. Of the remaining less than 1,000,000 acres the counties own 874,744 acres and the state, 149,783 acres. Of the state's forest holdings 71,105 acres are included in the Elliot State Forest located south of the Umpqua river near Reedsport.

Oregon's annual interest bill has been reduced by more than \$1,000,000 in the past ten years, according to State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman. In 1928 the state was paying \$2,228,322.68 a year to the coupon clippers. This year interest payments on state bonds amounted to only \$1,927,054. In the meantime the state's outstanding bonded debt has been reduced from a peak of \$66,026,810 in 1928 to \$42,791,936 at the present time. Since 1917 when this state first entered upon its bonding spree, first for good roads and later for a soldiers' bonus, Oregon has paid out a total of \$44,896,091 in interest, Holman points out.

Not within the memory of any living politician has Oregon ever witnessed a more listless political campaign than two weeks away from the voters simply refuse to become excited. True, the candidates are going about over the state waving their arms and making the welkin ring but even their enthusiasm sounds a bit forced. The explanation of this apathy may be found in the lack of any issue to give color to the campaign. In every instance the appeal for votes is based upon personalities with not a single candidate in the lot of

Moro Women Attend District Convention

Representatives of the Moro Woman's Club, fourteen in number and three guests, drove to Fossil last Saturday to attend the meeting of the Fourth Oregon District, Federated Women's Clubs. Moro's delegation won the prize for the largest one present, although 102 club members were in attendance.

Election of officers for the ensuing term resulted in the selection of Mrs. Henry J. Simmons of Fossil as president to succeed Mrs. Margaret Merrifield of The Dalles. Mrs. Harry D. Proffoot of Wasco was made vice president and Mrs. Crawford of The Dalles was named secretary.

Those attending from here were Mesdames Wily Knighten, C. L. Poley, Theo. Johnston, E. H. Moore, O. A. Ramsey, J. J. Schaeffer, S. P. Smith, O. L. Belshie, M. G. Meizer, Carl Meizer, H. B. Pinkerton, E. Alabidon, L. V. Moore, C. R. Morrison. Guests making the trip were Mrs. Coelach and daughter, Ruth of Boston, Mass and Mrs. Stanley Coelach of Moro.

George Baker Asks Worker Protection

Demanding that workers and their families be protected from continual exploitation and suffering, resulting from jurisdictional labor disputes, George L. Baker, former Mayor of Portland, spoke over KGW last night in behalf of Initiative Measure Number 316 Regulating Picketing and Boycotting by Labor Groups and Organizations.

Emphasizing that he believes the bill to be a safeguard of constitutional rights of all citizens, Mr. Baker said:

"In 1937 in Portland 12,000 men, women and children were directly affected by the lumber mills strikes. Families were forced to apply for relief, children unable to attend school. Women fainted in the streets from hunger. Those were a few of the results of a jurisdictional labor dispute. Because labor leaders could not agree rank and file workers of whatever affiliation, were out of work, their funds and credit exhausted, their wives and children hungry."

"This measure is bigger than personalities; it is bigger than individuals. It involves the very fundamentals of American citizenship. The issue, primarily, is whether any group or clique is bigger than the government itself. Are we to be dominated by goons and gangsters, or shall the fundamental American conception of majority rule?"

Calves Bought For 4-H Club Children

Purchase of calves for 4-H club boys and girls who will feed them out for the 1939 shows was consummated last week when LeRoy Wright, county agent and Glen King made a trip to Baker and Grant counties.

Nine Angus calves were bought from Guttridge Bros. at Prairie City and eleven Hereford calves were bought in Baker county from Chandler, Melhorn and Cutting. Of this group only four are juniors, the remainder being older calves. In addition to this 20 head four locally bred Herefords and five locally grown Shorthorns will be fed by the club children for next year.

Health Association Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Health Association was held Wednesday afternoon at the court house with women from nearly all parts of the county in attendance. Visitors from outside of the county were Misses Whitlock from the public health and hygiene association and Winters from the tuberculosis association. Mrs. Whitlock will return next month to aid in examining the first, third, sixth and eighth grades of the schools.

Election of officers resulted in Mrs. Theodore von Borstel being named president, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, vice-president and Mrs. C. L. Poley being retained as secretary-treasurer. A chairman for the real sale will be chosen later.

Walter Pierce Speaks Before Wasco Club

Congressman Talks On
Experience In Washington
And Wheat Situation

Walter M. Pierce, representative in congress from this district, spoke before the Wasco Civic club Monday night and in a "non-political" talk told of some of his impressions of congress. By a special vote of those present he spoke for a few minutes on the wheat situation.

Mr. Pierce outlined briefly the history of the congress from the time the motion was made in the constitutional convention making a house which represented the people and the senate, which represented the states. He spoke of the small number of representatives from the western states and the difficulty of getting things done for the people of this section.

He spoke of the sincerity of a majority of the members and told how hard most of them worked to answer letters and attend to those who want jobs and attend the regular sessions.

In speaking of the rules of the house he said that there were no minority reports allowed and that the rules committee had to pass on a bill before it could come before the house even though a committee had passed it. Mr. Pierce is on the agricultural committee and is chairman of the wheat section of that body. He paid special notice to Bruce Barton, calling him one of the best informed members of the lower house.

In speaking of wheat the congressman told of the work done on the present farm bill to meet the demand of the farmers. When impossible to get things through the house because of the small number of westerners he said it was always possible to go to Senator McNary and have the matter attended to in the senate.

Mr. Pierce told his audience that with the loan of around 55 cents on wheat here and the parity payment that should be forthcoming in the spring and the conservation payment they would receive about seventy cents for their wheat.

Richard Sather Buried Thursday

Richard Sather, 25, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather of Kent, died Tuesday in Portland after a long illness that has kept him in bed for over a month. A form of septiciemia was given as the cause of his death. Mr. Sather was educated in Grass Valley and Kent schools and went to Portland after attaining his majority and has lived there since. He was a baker when taken ill.

He was married a few months ago and is survived by his wife, Mary, his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather of Kent; four brothers, Merrill, Kenneth, Jack and Glen and three sisters, Mrs. Ann Miller of Moro and Helen and Leona of Kent.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at Grass Valley.

Chicken Doctor Thought Imposter

A man giving the name of C. J. Green is reported to have sold a medicine for chickens to residents of the Kent vicinity telling them that he was formerly a poultry specialist for an Oregon county.

Information gathered by telephone by LeRoy Wright, county agent, is that there are no poultry specialists in any Oregon county, that no registered veterinarian of that name is in this state and that none but a registered veterinarian can treat chickens. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian says that no liquid can be given to chickens that will cure them of any illness. Chickens that are sick should be diagnosed by some one qualified to do so. If no one is available they may be sent to the state college where the cause of their illness can be detected.

In the valley a man is in jail for selling a mixture to farmers saying that it was a cure for chicken diseases and this Green is thought to be connected with the same group.

U. S. Balentine Here On Behalf Of Candidacy

U. S. Balentine, state senator from Klamath county, and Mrs. Balentine were here Wednesday to meet voters in the interest of his campaign for a seat in the congress from this district. He has covered nearly all of eastern Oregon in his campaign and will spend the remaining time in south central Oregon.

M. Balentine is 38, came from Arkansas, and is a lawyer. He is making his campaign on his record as a state senator. He favors keeping the American market for American farmers and showed figures to indicate that imports of farm products were dangerous to the future of American agriculture.

Export of Wheat Promised Aid

Use of the facilities of the U. S. department of agriculture to "dump" some of the excessive farm surpluses into the homes of low income groups at lower than regular prices has been decided upon by Secretary Wallace, though details of the program for handling this procedure were not explained with the original announcement.

The new program is expected to be handled through the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation which was given full bureau status in the recent reorganization of the department of agriculture. J. W. Tapp, one of the assistant administrators of the AAA, is continued in charge of the bureau.

Assigned to the new bureau is also the marketing agreements program of the AAA as well as the surplus diversion activities provided for under section 32 of the amended agricultural act which sets aside a certain percentage of customs receipts for this purpose.

City of Moro Sued On Hotel Warrants

Suit against the City of Moro, as a municipal corporation, was started October 18th by H. W. Champneys, assignee of warrants from Ginn, Coleman & Co., the Farmers Elevator & Supply Co., Walter A. May & Son, and the Quality Laundry. These warrants were given to the men who assigned them for bills due them by the one or two of the Moro hotel. The city council on March 10, 1930, according to the complaint, gave the warrants to the complainants. They are written on the City Hotel Fund of the city.

Mr. Champneys is liquidator of the Farmers Elevator Company at the present time.

Explosion of Iron Comes Opportunely

What was very nearly a serious accident occurred at the L. D. Eakin home east of Grass Valley one day last week. Mrs. Eakin was ironing with a gasoline iron which she had just refilled. A visitor knocked at the kitchen door and while Mrs. Eakin was talking to him the iron exploded sending the glass in the door down over her head, and driving eight window panes out of the windows and drawing one into the house. The iron jumped from the ironing board to the table and the gasoline tank of the iron crashed against the ceiling. Those present felt the house shake from foundation up and it seemed as if the roof lifted a bit as well. The plaster was badly cracked in places and a solderlike spray was spread over some of the walls. Canaries hanging in their cage in the room were not injured.

Mrs. Kee Injured

Mrs. Eben Kee was seriously injured Wednesday morning on her husband's farm when a horse she was riding fell with her. She suffered a broken jaw which is fractured in two places and two cracked ribs.

She was taken to the hospital immediately where X-ray examination showed the extent of her injuries. It is thought that the horse stepped in a badger hole to cause its fall.

Wheat League To Hold Meeting December 1, 2, 3

The Dalles To Be Scene
Of Annual Wheat Growers
Convention; Speakers Chosen

The annual meeting of the officers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League to prepare for the winter convention was held at Arlington last Sunday. The meeting will be held in The Dalles, December 2 and 3 with preliminary committee meetings arranged for the first.

Instead of having more committees it was decided to reduce the number to three, as follows: Taxation, Legislation and Rural Electrification of which Glen Richards of Condon and C. A. Barker of Condon will be chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Federal and State Agricultural program and Soil Conservation which will be headed by Mac Hoke with E. Harvey Miller of Lexington as vice-chairman.

Production and Marketing with Charles Nish of Condon and Orville Cutsworth of Lexington as chairman and vice-chairman. This committee will be sub-divided into (1) Transportation, (2) Handling and Storage, (3) Marketing and (4) Weed Control.

There was general agreement that the Oregon Soil conservation act which was passed last session of the legislature be amended to permit soil conservation districts to ask for and receive government aid.

Speakers for the meeting were discussed with the result that the following will be invited to come: Joseph S. Davis, who one time spoke before the wheat league giving a summary of the wheat situation. He is head of the Stanford wheat institute. Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace will be invited to speak or if that is impossible to send a representative.

Roy Sealey, superintendent of the Weed Control Experiment station at Genesee, Idaho is being asked to come and explain his methods and all members of the state's congressional delegation will be invited. The governor elect, and the senator elect will be invited to come to the banquet.

Another feature of the meeting is expected to be Frank Ballard's talk on the results of the several Economic conferences which were held throughout the state last winter.

Herb West, secretary of the Inland Empire Waterways association or some other qualified person will talk on the development of the Columbia river.

It was reported that The Dalles is already planning to care for the crowds, that are expected to attend and that the arrangements for the entertainment and housing will be well cared for by them.

National Grange Bills Good Talkers

When the National Grange opens its 72nd annual session at Portland, Oregon, Wednesday morning, November 16, and continuing for nine days, its program will contain a noteworthy list of speakers who are the leaders in agriculture, as well as in various other directions having important bearing on the farmer's welfare. It is significant that each year the National Grange is able to bring to its annual session conspicuous figures in national life, and the coming Portland event is no exception.

Among those whose presence is promised at the Grange convention are Henry A. Wallace, National Secretary of Agriculture, and M. L. Wilson, Assistant Secretary; F. F. Hill, Governor of the National Farm Credit Administration; Samuel D. Sanders, Cooperative Bank Commissioner and Albert S. Goes, Federal Land Bank Commissioner; John M. Carmody, director of Rural Electrification; and George N. Peek, widely known economist. United States Senator Charles L. McNary, Congressman Walter M. Pierce and Governor Charles Martin of Oregon, and many others prominent in the agricultural and educational leadership of the Pacific Coast states, will also be included.

Grass Valley Names Nominees For Offices

Nomination of officers to carry on the city work at Grass Valley was done Monday night with the result that Roy J. Baker and A. A. Dunlap were named for mayor for the two year term.

For council men for the four year term, three to elect, Herman Schilling, Wallace May, Joe Newcomb and Glen Karnes were named. For the two year term J. B. Coon, Gus Smith, K. Dunlap and Frank Pike were nominated of which number three must be elected.

For the treasurer, whose term is two years, Mrs. I. D. Pike, incumbent was renominated as was Mrs. A. W. Cantrall. The number nominated for all offices gives the voters a choice from which to pick their officers. Election will be held November 8th, with the general election.

County Court For October Term

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER TERM, 1938. October 5, 1938, being the first day of the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, The Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom at Moro, at the hour of 10.00 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge. A. A. Dunlap, County Comm. David Reid, County Comm. T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney Joe Truitt, County Clerk

The following proceedings were had at the said term of court: In the matter of the payment of claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the claims against the Road Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

Re: County Treasurer's report for the month of September. Accepted and ordered filed.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1938

Claimant	Amount
Blind Assistance	\$ 5.77
Aid to dependent children	15.19
Old Age Assistance	197.86
Sherman County Fair Ass'n	
Bal. of 1938 fair fund	750.00
Clarence Mersinger Work on court yard	8.50
Ginn Coleman & Co. Court-house supplies	7.50
Sherman County Journal. County Printing	9.50
Pacific Power & Light Company DeMoss Park \$2.50;	
Lights in courthouse	18.82 21.32
A. E. Simmons, Treasurer's office expense	.85
Joe Truitt, 150 laths for courtyard	1.20
Marie Hoskinson, Work in Clerk's office	11.45
Ardis Truitt, Work in Clerk's office	2.00
Department of Agriculture Sewer of Wts. & Measures	3.76
Mid-Columbia Typewriter Shop Sheriff's expenses	5.00
West Coast Print. & Bind. Co. Sup't. office \$1.30; Sheriff's office \$23.50; Clerks office \$3.50; Election \$14.40;	
Courthouse supplies \$2.30; 45.00	
Poss & Co., Courthouse supplies	1.95
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephones for all offices	27.70
Gertrude Gillmor, Sheriff's office help	15.00
C. C. Wilson, Stamps \$5.00;	
Taking prisoner to The Dalles \$3.00 Total	5.00
Standard Oil Co., Gas for A. M. Zevely	9.34
Roy J. Baker, Insurance on Court house	\$1.00
J. C. Freeman, Postmaster, Box rent for all offices	\$3.15
Joe Truitt, Stamps for Clerk's office	\$6.00
Bucholtz Confectionery, Board of prisoners	\$6.00
Farmers Elevator & Supply Co. 500 laths	4.50
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge's salary	\$7.50
A. A. Dunlap, County Comm. 11.50	
David Reid, County Comm. 13.50	
T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney's expenses	53.25
State Indus. Accident Comm. Peace officer's protection	4.48
Robert T. Mountain, Asses-	

Budget Made For County By Committee

Levies To Be Kept
Within Six Percent Limit;
Bonds Will Be Paid

The county budget committee, A. C. Kaseberg, J. M. Wilson and Perry Artell, sitting with the members of the county court gave preliminary approval to a county budget that cut the appropriation for bond payment to \$18,000 and remained within the six percent limitation. Bond payments are not counted in figuring the six percent limitation so total county taxes raised will be smaller for 1939.

Largest increase authorized by the committee was that for relief purposes which was upped \$1225 to \$5520. This part of the budget was passed on recommendation of the state relief agent for this county. It includes \$2000 for public assistance instead of \$1500 and \$3000 for old age assistance instead of \$2500. Of the amounts appropriated last year \$1083.54 remains in the public assistance fund and \$725.25 in the old age pension fund. Four hundred dollars was appropriated for delinquent children instead of \$220 of which sum \$85.12 remained unused on October first.

Increases were also approved in salaries of several county officials the deputy sheriff's salary being raised to \$1500 from \$1020 and an additional \$100 being given the school superintendent for office work. Two new typewriters were asked for, one for the clerk and one by the superintendent.

The cost of operating the court house was estimated to be \$2000 instead of \$1600, which was appropriated last year. This sum has already been overdrawn.

Machine Shed Asked

For some time the county has given some aid to the county trapper from emergency funds amounting to around \$100 per year. This year in addition to the \$500 appropriated for this work another \$100 was put in the budget to take care of the usual expenditure.

To the relief of some of the members of the budget committee a levy was authorized this year for the construction of a machine shed for the county's road machinery. A \$1200 item was approved for this purpose.

Instead of appropriating money for election in what will be an off year for voting a \$500 item was approved for any special elections that may arise.

The county agent's fund was increased to \$1700 from \$1600 and the county fair item was left as for 1938, it being \$1500. The fair board showed a slight decrease in their indebtedness and expects to pay for the improvements made on the fair grounds within a few years.

Considerable discussion was caused by the proposal to have aerial maps of the county bought and corrected in order to obtain an accurate detail of the acreage in separate forties of the county, but the committee declined to make the \$2000 expenditure. The sentiment was expressed that the government may correct the maps further itself.

The very good news was released that the county will be able to pay its bonds that mature next July. At the present time \$92,000 are still due but with the funds on hand, the collection of the several farm loans that are due, the transfer of interest funds and the levying of \$18,000 the bonds could be entirely paid off when due.

County Treasurer Naomi Vaa Gilder reported that for the \$300,000 in bonds \$256,000 had been levied and \$158,220 in interest had been levied. Because the county has pursued the policy of buying its own bonds and stopping interest several thousand dollars have been saved.

WEED DEMONSTRATION

A weed demonstration will be held next week on the Curt Tom ranch near Rufus with the county agent, the college and the Rufus Grange co-operating. Different plots will be treated with allicide and with sodium chlorate at different strengths. Next spring a further test will be made using carbon bisulphide. Another test is contemplated in another part of the county at a later date.

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