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OBSOLETE

The second measure on the ballot levies a tax for the purpose of building and equipping state armories. It is the smallest of the three tax bills, levying a little less than half a mill on the real property of the state for the next ten years.

One cannot but wonder on the value of armories as a place to train men for combat since the atomic bomb has been discovered. In armories men kept equipment and learned some close order drill and the manual of arms. All of that is obsolete if what we are told about atomic power is true.

Certainly national defense is necessary—almost as certainly an armory is not the place to achieve it.

**POLITICAL RACE**

If anyone is paying attention to the political contest now going on it must be the candidates. The voters seem very calm about the rapid approach of VOTE day. We in this Second Congressional district must elect a congressman. Incumbent Lowell Stockman, now ending four years in Washington, has no opposition that indicates a close struggle for ballots.

Earl Snell should win easily. His opponent is a gentlemanly sort of person who has found no effective issue in the campaign. Colorless Donagh calls Snell colorless. Snell has been as good a governor as Oregon well relect and as positive as required despite what is said of him. Bolder men fall in the primaries. He should be returned.

Bob Farrell has no competition of note and his handling of the office of secretary of state has been such as to earn another term. William Kimsey as labor commissioner has the backing of the AF of L, which is much stronger in Oregon than the CIO of which his opponent is an officer.

Except for the measures there is little to get excited about and voters seldom become greatly concerned over measures. Some of them are important and need much study before being given a favorable vote. A No delays their passage.

**MEMORIAL**

Sherman county voters have a measure all their own at the November election. It is a proposal for a \$25,000 fund to build a memorial to the men who fought in World War II.

Unfortunately passage of the measure would not achieve the promised result. The proposal is to levy a tax on the 1946-47 rolls for the memorial. That is impossible for the taxnotices have already been sent out and by election time half the taxes will have been paid. A favorable vote will not bring the tax nor the memorial.

Veterans of the several towns are divided as to whether the county should have one memorial or two, or three or four. Under this proposal there would be one memorial, but the money cannot be raised this year for the date is explicitly specified.

The question of whether or not the people want to vote a memorial must await another time. It cannot be settled by this measure.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Oct 25, 1907  
Freighting by traction engine in Crook county had to be abandoned. The outfit was too heavy for the grades. Get in and boost for the Oregon Trunk Ry.

Maybe Charley Belshie isn't happy. He just finished 76 days harvesting and hauled his last load of wheat.

Moro has as good a flour mill as any in Oregon, capacity considered and no place has better advantages for milling than this.

Miles Martin and Miss Lola are preparing to enter business college in Portland.

From the Observer, Oct 25, 1927  
On Tuesday morning R. A. Stow and Mrs Katherine Christiansen both of Grass Valley were united in marriage by Rev. R. A. Feenstra.

Milt Miller, well known politician of Oregon was here to speak at a series of meetings this week, being the guest of E. E. Larimore.

Truman Strong, Chas. Powell, Vic Barr, Roy Powell, and W. F. Jackson visited the John Day coal mines near Canyon City last week end.

From the Grass Valley Journal Oct. 28, 1917  
Judge Krusow, L. W. Baker, I. N. Lemon, Roy J. Baker and C.

A. Buckley left Tuesday to attend the war council meeting in Portland.

The bond quota for Grass Valley has been placed at \$55,000, Moro \$45,000 and Wasco \$67,500.

Mrs Theo. Serrurier received word that her brother, Wily Knighen had been ordered to report in Portland at once to leave for Camp Greene, N. C.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting Members invited.—Moro, Oregon. Helen Ruggles, W. M. Edna Metzger, Secretary

Mrs John Block and her mother, Mrs Carrie Hays, were visitors in The Dalles Monday.

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Mr and Mrs Ross Fields came up from The Dalles Monday and were over night guests at the home of her parents, Mr and

Iurcka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. Lefroy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Mrs J. S. Newcomb. Mrs Dell Olds was hostess to members of the bridge club at her home Thursday at 1:30 desert luncheon followed by contract at two tables with high

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Ernest Houston, N. G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

scores held by Mrs Paul Goddard and Mrs Glenn Perry and consolation going to Mrs Bud Coon. Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer and their house guests, the Felts' and Treabess' motored to Timberline on Mt Hood last Tuesday returning via Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. McLachlan NG Florence Johnston, S

ing via of Mt. Hood loop highway Mr and Mrs Ted Ball had as their guests recently W. M. Ball from Bend, and Mr and Mrs Dale Loftin from Portland. Mrs Loftin is a cousin of Mrs Ball.

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**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**

**On Playing  
the Fiddle Badly**

A favorite recreation in our town is getting together in one or another's home and making music. There's somebody at the piano; a guitar; a fiddle player; and Molly Birtles even has a harp!

What comes out isn't the best music in the whole world. In fact, a lot of it is downright bad. But nobody even thinks to question or to criticize.

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**FARMERS, WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS**

*You will want to vote 315 X NO because:*

A NEW AND ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX (3%) on all checks totaling more than \$100 monthly, will become effective July 1, 1947, if the Initiative measure (314 Yes, 315 No) sponsored by the Townsend groups is approved by the voters of Oregon at the November 5 general election.

This 3% tax would apply to all gross income of wages and salary earners, farmers and businesses (excepting only non-profit organizations) WITHOUT ANY PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS OR DEDUCTIONS other than \$100 gross income per month. It could apply also on income from insurance benefits and earnings on savings and investments if, with your wage or salary or sales of products your total income was \$100 a month or more. Farmers and business men would have to pay 3% on their gross income even if they operated at a LOSS. It is not a tax on profits alone. It IS a tax on Gross Income!

The measure, if passed, would require YOU TO MAKE OUT A NEW MONTHLY INCOME TAX REPORT AND PAY 3% MONTHLY ON ALL ABOVE \$100 THAT YOU RECEIVE

and this tax would be in addition to all other Federal and state income tax reports and statements you now make. EMPLOYERS COULD BE OBLIGED UNDER THE PROPOSED LAW TO WITHHOLD THE TAX FROM EMPLOYEES' PAY.

This measure is a fantastic SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX SCHEME, promising \$100 a month at 60 years of age to everybody, WHETHER THEY NEED IT OR NOT, if they agree to remain idle and spend the \$100 in 30 days. The money could not be for any other purpose to reduce other state or Federal taxes unless a surplus developed, if ever. NO OTHER STATE HAS SUCH A SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX. It is a tax that would wreck Oregon's economy, driving business out of the state and destroying jobs.

*★ If this measure passes EVERYBODY LOSES even the old people who are exploited by its backers!*

**DEFEAT THIS MEASURE WITH THE DECEPTIVE TITLE**

**VOTE 315 X NO on NOV. 5**

Paid Advertisement Committee Against 3% Income Tax. E. A. McCornack, Chairman; Walter H. Evans Jr., Treasurer; Walter W. R. May, Oregon City, Secretary; 425 New Fliedner building, Portland, Ore. on.