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TWO SIXES

As far as tax measures are
concerned on the 1952 ballot six
is a number to remember. There
is a six percent limitation
amendment and a six mill mea-
sure. However, both would be
beneficial so it will not be ab-
solutely necessary to differenti-
ate between them, although there
is a great difference.

The six percent amendment is
an effort to change that section
of the state constitution that
prevents the levy of a property
tax by any taxing unit which is
larger (in dollars) than the high-
est levy made in any of the three
prior years, without a special
election.

The change is that it gives
the voters of any taxing district
the right to establish a new base.
Reason: nearly all the old bases
are out of date and unrealistic.
Inflation made them so. That has
made it necessary to vote money
over and above the six percent
limitation so often that it has
become a habit. The six percent
limitation is therefore not work-
ing.

The amendment on which peo-
ple will pass in November would
permit them to vote a new base
at an election held for that pur-
pose at either the primary or
general election date. The base
may either be increased or de-
creased. The old base must be
stated in the ballot title. The
six percent limitation will apply
to the new base the same as to
the old.

The six percent limitation
amendment to the constitution
was passed in 1914 and has been
changed in no major portion
since then. The amounts possi-
ble to levy bear little relation to
the needs, particularly as to
schools. Taxing methods and tax
values have changed tremendou-
sly in the 38 years of the six
percent limitation existence. It
seems reasonable to give the
people the opportunity to change
the base and save the cost and
bother of special elections. There
is nothing compulsory about it;
the amendment merely provides
a way in which the voters can
change the base.

Now, the six mill measure is a
bill for an act, not a constitu-
tional amendment. It merely says
that the state shall not levy or
collect an amount larger than
six mills on the assessed valua-
tion of the property of the state.

The reason for this bill is that
the excise tax and the personal
income tax have since their ex-
istence been used as offsets to
the state property tax. Since 1940
they have completely offset the
state property tax. However, the
legislature has already put the
excise tax into the general fund
where it is available for appro-
priation by the legislature.

And it is probable that the
next legislature will put the per-
sonal income tax into the gen-
eral fund so it will be available
for legislative appropriation.

In addition to that the people
have made some very large con-
tinuing appropriations from the
income and excise taxes. The
largest have been the many
school bills.

If and when income and ex-
cise taxes should drop below the
amount of the appropriations
the law is now such that prop-
erty taxpayers would automati-
cally have to pay for the deficit.
The state by spending some
\$20,000,000 more than it takes in
per biennium is coming closer
to a state property tax every
year.

The six mill measure will
make it impossible to levy a state
property tax of more than six
mills. That amounts to about
\$10,000,000 a year (\$20,000,000 a
biennium) which is enough to
pay for a small continuing ap-
propriations, especially for high-
er education. Property owners
can also be taxed for bond and
interest moneys, but cannot
evade that in any event.

Purpose of the bill is to keep
the property owner from having
to pick up all the deficit by put-
ting a limit on the amount that
can be raised from that source.
Taxpayers who would prefer to
be liable for a possible \$10,000,
000 a year instead of a possible

30 or 40 million will appreciate
the measure. This tax year the
income tax is paying 20.33 mills
in Sherman county. If that
should stop—and it will—the
property taxpayers will have to
pay it unless it is limited to six
mills by this measure.

Both of these bills will be of
benefit to taxpayers and to tax-
ing units and both should re-
ceive a favorable vote. Vote 306
X YES and 316 X YES.

THE CASE OF
SENATOR NIXON

The \$18,235 fund raised by
Californians to help Senator
Richard Nixon has been the top-
ic of conversation for the nation
for a week. The final decision
has not been reached as this is
written. Yet, we believe that the
discussion may do some good to
the public regardless of the ef-
fect it may have on the Republi-
can vice-presidential nominee.

The 78 Californians, liking
young Nixon, provided the help.
It is doubtful if the senator could
have voted to help all 78 of them
on any bill had he tried. There
is no evidence that he tried. Had
he so voted he would have been
culpable. Unless congressional
pay is to be raised, poor young
Nixon cannot aspire to that office
unless somebody helps out with
their political office expenses.

A man in office is running
for re-election all the time. Other-
wise he gets beat. There are
letters to write, constituents to
entertain, people to meet, speeches
to make, trips to take. A contribu-
tion to his activity is in the
same category as a contribution
to a political campaign while it
is actually going on.

Nearly every member of con-
gress has an outside income, from
business, law practice, lecture
tours or something that requires
his time and effort. Those who
do not are helped by friends who
think their state or district bet-
ter off because that particular
man is in congress. It is a com-
mon practice. As long as con-
gressional salaries are at the
present level and inflation con-
tinues rampant, the condition
will remain.

This is not to say that Senator
Nixon would not be in a better
and more independent position
if he had not taken the fund.
Had there been no help he would
have been practicing law in
Whittier, California and Algier
Hiss would be in the state de-
partment copying papers for the
Soviets.

It is not likely that any case
would have been made of the
matter at all had it not been a
political candidate. In other words
the issue is engendered by poli-
tics and not by concern over
morals. To that extent it is a
smear campaign.

Unless there is evidence to
show that Nixon was influenced
by the money the Republicans
should stand by him.

RUFUS ITEMS

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Mrs. Russ McCullough and Mrs.
Francis Leehan in charge. Cake,
ice cream, coffee and pop were
served by the women. Dr. John
Macnab presented Father Stone
with a card signed by all present
and a gift which they all con-
tributed to.

Beginning with this Sunday
mass will be said weekly at
Wasco. This Sunday the time

will be 11:30 a. m. and will al-
ternate with the next Sunday
at 8 a. m. and so on. Father
Dominic and his assistant Fa-
ther Brennan, Franciscan priests
coming from the east will have
charge of the services. They
will make their home at the
house in Dufur as has been the
custom in the past.

Rufus grange met in regular
session Thursday night with the
Overseer Harland McDonald in
charge during the absence of
Roland Johnson, master, who is
on his vacation.

Sixteen members answered roll
call. A discussion took place on
the recent State grange raise in
dues. There will be a special
meeting at the October 2nd meet-
ing to decide what will be done.
Six new names were presented
for membership. Supper was
served later in the evening by the
women.

Water Pipe, Barney's G. V.
Arlington, Condon, Mitchell,
Rufus and Spray. The schedule
is September 26 Rufus at Spray;
October 3rd open; October 10-Ru-
fus at Mitchell; October 17 Ar-
lington at Rufus; October 24
Rufus at Fossil; October 31
Condon at Rufus.

The non conference game was
September 19 Spray at Rufus.
When Spray came to Rufus Fri-
day they were defeated by the
Rufus Wolves by a score of 54
Water Pipe, Barney's G. V.

to 18. This was the first time in
the history of Rufus school that
they have had a football team.
Ronald Douglas and Al Blake
scored all the points. They were
in the starting lineup with Char-
les Wilson, Gayle Eaton, George
Fox Jr. and Howard Harness.
Others at Rufus seeing action
during the game were Jim Har-
disty, Neal Eaton and Russell
Blake. Gerald Parsons is the
coach for Rufus.

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Ben G. Fleischman
Attorney at Law
608 American Bank Bldg.
Portland 5, Oregon

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned have been
appointed co-administrators of
the estate of Dale Edwin Baker,
also known as Dale E. Baker,

deceased, by the County Court
of the State of Oregon for Sher-
man County, and have qualified.

All persons having claims
against said estate are hereby
notified to present the same,
duly verified as by law required,
to the undersigned United States
National Bank of Portland (Ore-
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