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Ballot Recommendations

Nine state and two county measures will appear on the general election ballot this year. As usual, the ballot titles do not always give the full meaning and implications of a measure. This week and next the News Review will briefly discuss the measures and attempt to point out pertinent facts.

LEGISLATORS' ANNUAL COMPENSATION

The first measure, entitled "Constitutional Amendment Fixing Legislators' Annual Compensation," would increase legislators' pay from \$400 a year to \$600 a year, plus 10 cents a mile travel pay to and from sessions.

The last session ran 97 days, so the men who make the state's laws were paid somewhat under \$4 a day after taxes. With an equally long session under the increase, legislators would net less than \$6 a day.

Proponents of the measure claim the increased pay will open the legislature to capable men who could not otherwise afford to hold office. It would seem that \$6 a day—\$180 a month—offers something less than financial independence.

Oregon lawmakers are among the lowest paid in the nation. California legislators receive \$3600 a year, plus \$15 a day subsistence. Washington legislators receive \$1,200 a year, plus \$10 a day.

The proposed increase appears to be far too little, but with present pay so low, any increase would be a help.

Recommendation: Vote 300 X yes.

REFINANCE HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDINGS

The second state measure entitled "Constitutional Amendment Lending State Tax Credit for Higher Education Building" is of vital importance to the state.

Perhaps the greatest danger is that the bill will not be passed because of a misunderstanding by voters. Rather than being a tax measure, as may be implied in the title, it is the only money-saving measure on the ballot.

Briefly this is the story: Buildings at state schools are of two types. Academic structures—classrooms, laboratories, etc.—produce no revenue and are financed by legislative appropriation. Dormitories, student union buildings and athletic facilities do produce income from building fees, admissions, concessions, etc. They are self-liquidating and are financed by revenue bonds bearing about 3 per cent interest.

The proposed amendment would enable the state board of higher education to redeem and refund these outstanding bonds and, in their place, issue general obligation bonds of the state. General obligation bonds are backed by the full credit of the state and bear interest of only 2 per cent.

If you could refinance your house and save 1 per cent interest, would you do it?

Oregon taxpayers will save an estimated \$1,200,000 in interest if the measure is passed.

The resolution was prepared by the state treasury department, adopted by the legislature and referred to the people. It is not a pressure group measure.

Safeguards written into the measure provide that the new bonds could only be issued on specific authority of the legislature. No bonds for additional buildings may be issued until the present outstanding revenue bonds have been redeemed or refunded. It does not grant the state board of higher education additional powers to borrow money.

As for the word "tax" in the ballot title: General obligation bonds are backed by state tax credits which could be used if the state board of higher education failed to meet its bond payments. Over a period of 25 years the board has never failed to meet its principal and interest payments.

To date there is no noticable opposition to the amendment. The great danger is in voters not understanding the purpose of the measure.

Recommendation: Vote 302 yes.

EXTEND VETERANS' LOAN PRIVILEGES

Measure No. 3 would extend the present veteran loan provisions to include veterans of World War II who have come to the state since their discharge.

Proponents of the measure claim the present law requiring prior residence in the state discriminates against veterans who have become a part of Oregon's expanding population and plan to make their future homes here.

Provisions of the existing law which set the requirements for loans and limit their uses would still apply. The amendment would require residence in the state for two years between the veteran's date of separation and December 31.

To date, the state's experience with veterans' loans has been excellent.

Recommendation: Vote 304 X yes.

UNIFORM STANDARD TIME

Ballot measure No. 6 is a referendum to provide "uniform standard time in Oregon."

A somewhat misleading conception of the measure seems to have stemmed from the provision that the governor may, under certain conditions, institute daylight time on a statewide basis. The provisions are (1) every adjacent state must already be on daylight time and (2) the governor must, by a formal finding of fact, prove that economy and general welfare of the state are placed at a material disadvantage by lack of uniformity between standard Oregon time and the time in general use in the bordering states.

Most observers say the provisions would preclude any possibility of daylight time since one state, Idaho, has never adopted daylight time. Other individuals contend that the bill could conceivably backfire on its sponsors and be used to institute daylight time.

It is admittedly not a measure for uniform time. It is not a bill for statewide daylight time in place of local option (as some people have been led to believe). Sponsors say the bill was written to provide permanent and uniform standard time.

It would seem more sensible to let the people of Oregon vote on the issue daylight time vs. standard time and avoid the inevitable confusion and "ifs" the bill creates. If conformity to neighboring states has any bearing whatsoever it would seem to apply only to Pacific time Washington and California, not Mountain time Idaho.

Recommendation: Vote 311 X no.

PROHIBIT PROMOTIVELY ADVERTISED LIQUOR

One of the most discussed bills is the last one on the ballot which would prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverage which was "promotively" advertised in any manner, whether such advertising originates inside or outside the state.

Promotive advertising is defined in the bill as "any type of advertising . . . with which there is connected or associated anything beyond words merely furnishing to the public the name of the producer or dispenser, the trade name or brand of the product, and the place where, and the price at which such alcohol is sold."

Proponents say it would take the "glamor" out of liquor. Opponents say it means a return to prohibition days. We can't go along completely with either argument.

Sale of alcohol would NOT be prohibited. "Promotive" advertising would NOT be prohibited. It would mean liquor that was advertised in such a manner could not be sold in the state.

Very likely the result would be a re-labeling of nationally advertised brands with special brand names for Oregon only. As others have already pointed out, it would take little imagination to change "Old Crow" to "Old Bird," "Canadian Club" to "Canada Club" and so on down the line.

Since the proposed bill does not ban the advertising, but only the sale of beverages so advertised, national magazines and out-of-state radio stations would continue to bring the "objectional" advertising into the state. The "glamor" would still be in those ads and liquor would continue to be sold—only under a new set of brand names.

Presumably the principal objection to present advertising is its effect on young people. Isn't it likely that the type of ad far more "glamorous" to these young folks? We can't help but feel that the effects of the measure would defeat its purpose and in trying to protect those who are easily impressed, we would impress them even more.

Recommendation: Vote 317 X no.

Timely Topics

Some folks mark the changing seasons by their thermometers or their rheumatism, but Ashland has only to observe the headgear of its feminine population. A few moist or chilly mornings will send most coiffures under cover. And what cover! Everything goes—from Hindu turbans and mammy bannanas to Russian and gypsy scarfs, everything, that is, except the once familiar headpiece known as a hat. The hat has apparently gone to join the limbo of men's garters.

When two people can live their entire lives in a community, and after 50 years of marriage be accorded such a spontaneous outpouring of affectionate appreciation as was given Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lane last week, pessimistic statisticians should be given a jolt.

Main street might be classified 4F this week with the headline news of "fotos, feet, feuds and football." Two new stores will open shortly, one a photographers studio at 37 E. Main, another a shoe store in the Provost block, while Miss Judith McIntosh is now ready to handle legal difficulties from her office in the Knox building and over and above all is the pervading tension of the annual homecoming SOC football game on Saturday night.

First signs of Christmas—truck-loads of Christmas trees headed south; holly berries hanging heavy along the boulevard; and store windows already glittering with tinsel.

Senator Morse making a whirlwind Main street campaign in an Oregon mist on Tuesday, bestowed his flashing smile on pro and con Ashlanders impartially.

Security Calls for UN Cooperation

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fact that there is no assurance this country could survive such a period economically or militarily, he warned.

The nation's greatest defense weapon, Morse claimed, is not the A-bomb or military force, but an economy which must be kept free and made so strong that "we will not play into Russian hands."

He hit out at the failure of the 81st Congress to "adopt steps necessary to protect our economy."

"Watch India"

Referring to the future in Asia, Morse advised his listeners to "keep your eyes on India." The colored people of the world are beginning to demand a "great economic revolution," which is centering in India under the leadership of Nehru and the action taken by the United States, along with other UN countries will be the determining factor of the century, he promised. He stressed the importance of the long-range viewpoint in foreign affairs.

Reporting on his recent inspection of Alaskan defenses as a member of the Senate armed forces committee, Morse said that what has been done there to build up defenses in the past year is "nothing short of miraculous," but much remains to be done. Soldier morale is high, he reported, "because they understand what the challenge is all about."

Housing 'Shocking'

Housing of troops, while somewhat better than it was, would "shock" the people at home, Morse said.

He termed Alaska as the nation's frontier of defense and said he will insist that material be poured into the area until defenses are adequate.

Hearings conducted by the committee in Nome last week were described as "the greatest human drama I ever witnessed" as residents of the area "located only 5 minutes jet-plane-time from the strongest concentration of Russian air might, asked the committee to replace defenses dismantled at the end of World War II."

Can Avoid War

The senator declared that, while the dangers of war are very real, he is convinced war can be avoided "if we make ourselves strong enough and keep ourselves strong enough until, when negotiations come, we will be in a position to negotiate."

He predicted that such negotiations may be as far as 25 years away, which will mean a long period of economic and military mobilization. "The economy of the nation can be saved if the American people keep their eyes open to the dangers," Morse said.

"Our greatest danger is a re-

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Mrs. Laura Beach, who has been spending several weeks visiting with a daughter in Vancouver, Wash., returned on Thursday.

turn to control of public opinion by isolationist policy. If we ever return to an isolationist policy, we will write the downfall of the United States as an independent nation," Morse declared. He warned that a unilateral policy will either bankrupt the nation economically or defeat it militarily.



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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

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"They're not the best-looking boarders a man ever had," Hack Turner said one day, "and they've got awful tempers. But I've found it pays to have 'em around."

Hack was talking about a family of barn owls, nesting in his stable this year. Some folks believe those little white-faced screechers kill chickens—and ought to be shot on sight. But Hack disagrees.

"Up at State University they've studied barn owls for years—and never known one to eat a chicken. On the other hand, a daddy owl will clean up around 300 mice a

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LEGION WILL CELEBRATE WITH HOBO PARTY

Armed with customary migrant gear and clothing, local Legionnaires and their families plan to gather at 6:30 next Monday evening at the Pioneer building on Winburn Way.

Auxiliary members who are in charge of the "chow" line, have asked that wieners and buns be brought by each attending hobo on the basis of 3 per capita, with the necessary implements of plate, cup, bowl and spoon.

A social evening in keeping with the Halloween season will make the fall "Hobo Party" one of extreme informality. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of local Legion vagrants.

How will the U.S. voting average stack up this year?

Sweden in national elections: 82 per cent of the voting population cast ballots.

Great Britain in national elections: 76 per cent of the voting population cast ballots.

United States in national elections: 51 per cent of voting population cast ballots.

Mrs. I. T. Robinson Returns From East

Mrs. I. T. Robinson of 138 S. Pioneer, returned to Ashland the first of this week from an extended trip through the midwest. Two months ago Mrs. Robinson flew to Great Falls, Mont., where she spent several weeks with her son and his family before continuing east by train for a visit with her sister in St. Louis, her former home.

Basic Training Completed By Pvt. Giles S. Green

Pvt. Giles S. Green, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Green, 195 Sherman street, has completed his air force basic airman indoctrination course, according to word received this week from Lackland air force base, San Antonio, Texas.

Pvt. Green will be assigned to one of the air force technical training schools, the announcement said.

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BRING OUR STATE UP-TO-DATE!
VOTE
BALANCED PLAN
314 X YES!

Where would Oregon and the less populous Western states be today had not the U.S. Constitution wisely provided a national BALANCED PLAN, giving each state two senators and apportioning the House by population? The Oregon Balanced Plan follows the same time-tested American principle.

TAKE APPORTIONMENT OUT OF POLITICS

Don't be misled by special interests who hope to control the legislature for their own selfish ends. The Balanced Plan is endorsed by . . . Oregon Journal, Oregon Voter, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Young Republicans, League of Oregon Counties, Pomona Granges, Oregon Wheat Growers and forward-looking members of both major political parties.

VOTE 314 X YES

Bi-Partisan Committee for Balanced Apportionment—Marshall Swearingen, Chairman, 444 Marion Street, Salem, Oregon

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Don't be Tricked

READ THE ADVERTISING PROHIBITION BILL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU VOTE!

This measure implies a restriction on the advertising of alcoholic beverages only!

Because this measure would conflict with federal laws, it would mean total prohibition.

The effect, therefore, would be complete prohibition of all advertised brands of alcoholic beverages in Oregon!

Vote 317 X NO

The last measure on the ballot
Paid adv., Citizens 317 X No Committee, Inc., J. Sted, 301 Lumbermen Building, Portland 4, Oregon