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MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Three constitutional amendments and two statutory measures are to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on June 7. All of them are referred by the legislative assembly. Each of them except the last is supported, in the state pamphlet, by an argument prepared by a joint committee of the two houses of the legislative assembly, appointed for that purpose. We give below a brief summary of these measures, in their order, with the numbers they will bear on the ballot. Some of them would require more space than we can at this time command to set them forth so that they could be clearly understood.

Numbers 309 and 301—Amendment fixing the limit of the regular session of the legislative assembly at 60 days limiting the time for the introduction of bills, except appropriation and public defense bills, to the first 40 days; fixing the limit of a special session at 20 days; fixing the compensation of members at five dollars per day, besides mileage of three dollars for every 20 miles of necessary travel each way.

The time limits fixed for the sessions are probably based on sound considerations; the limit of time for the introduction of bills will probably promote care and thoroughness in the preparation and consideration of measures; the compensation seems just; some voters will doubtless think the mileage allowance excessive.

Numbers 302 and 303—Amendment, to provide for the issue of bonds not to exceed three per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state, to create a fund to be known as "the World war veterans' state aid fund."

The aid provided is optional with the service man; either a cash bonus based on length of service, not to exceed a total of \$500; or a loan on real estate, not exceeding 75 per cent of value. The possible maximum of such loan is stated as \$4000; but the legislative act upon which the amendment is based allows only \$3000; so that is the available limit of the loan if the amendment carries. Terms of issue of bonds and certain other details to be fixed by statute. The beneficiary must have been at the time of entering the service, and must be at the time of applying for the benefit a resident of Oregon.

It is set forth in the argument, in effect, that all the operations of the proposed legislation will ensure to the permanent benefit of the state of Oregon; that it will tend to the development of undeveloped property; stimulate home building; identify the interests of the beneficiary with the state; stabilize population and industry.

A careful study of the pamphlet will be necessary to give the voter a clear view of the workings of the proposed measure.

Numbers 304 and 305—An amendment, in the form of an addition, to section 15a, art. 5 of the constitution, the effect of which is to give the governor power to veto the emergency clause of any bill, without affecting the rest of the bill. At present, the governor must veto the

SCHOOL BOND SOLD; THREE TEACHERS ELECTED

At its meeting Monday evening, the school board accepted the bid of Keeler Bros., a well known firm of bond dealers, and closed a deal for the sale of the school house bonds voted at the late election to that firm. They take the whole issue of \$47,500. The sale was at par. The bonds run twenty years. Reductions of the principal to begin after ten years. The district has an option to pay the principal amount or more. Rate of interest at 6 per cent.

At the same meeting, Mrs. Carpenter, teacher of mathematics, and Miss Martha Williamson, domestic science teacher, in the high school, were re-elected. Mrs. Lombard was elected to a grade position, in place of Miss Puckett, who had been elected, but did not accept.

whole bill or let it all stand.

Numbers 306 and 307—A proposed law, entitled, "Hygienic marriage examination and license bill." There have been many attempts, in Oregon and other states, in late years, to regulate by legislation the matters to which this bill refers. Legislation in such matters may be brought into such shape, in the course of the next few years, as to constitute a real and salutary reform. But this bill, in all of its parts, is so awkwardly thrown together that, even if the voter thinks that a needed reform should be sought by the methods indicated in this bill, we honestly think he will do well to mark No. 307, and let somebody who can pass a better mental test in this particular line than the framer of this bill could have a try at the job. It is questionable whether either the statement of purpose or the syllabus of the act sets forth the real purpose of the bill; but if the idea that would naturally be gathered from the reading of the whole jumble is the correct one, we have no hesitation in pronouncing the bill a bad one. The gist of the matter is found in this part of section 1: It forbids the issuance of a marriage license to persons who have not both passed an examination by a competent and regularly licensed physician "as to their health, in regard to contagious or communicable venereal diseases, and mentality, as shown by the physician." (Continued on page four)

HALL'S STORE CLOSED

When W. A. Hall made his recent successive announcements of what were set forth as forced sales, the people of the community did not generally take the urgency of the case seriously enough. But it now appears that he was simply making a frank statement of the actual state of the case. After his last announced sale had been going a few days, a notice appeared on the door: "In the hands of the receiver. No sales made. No repairing." The store was closed and invoicing was going on. This week a notice has been up, stating that the business is in the hands of W. L. Sabin, assignee. The stock we understand, is to be offered for sale. At present, Mr. Hall is out of business; whether permanently or not may depend on future adjustments.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Salem carpenters working at from \$5 to \$7.50 a day.

Deschutes county to vote on \$50,000 road bond issue.

O. W. R. N. Co. spent \$10,767,820 in Portland in 1920. Of this wages were \$6,541,948.

Salem—Burned Willamette gymnasium to be rebuilt.

Hood River—Guler and Trout Lake auto stage line starts.

South Portland to have branch library costing \$18,000.

Riverside, Linn county, to have a community house.

Astoria—New Youngs Bay sawmill completed and starts operations.

Engineers of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology will undertake field projects this summer in at least six mining districts throughout the state in the mapping and investigation of mineral resources that will call for the expenditure of the major portion of the \$25,000 state appropriation available during the year, according to the announcement of H. M. Parks, director of the bureau. Mr. Parks will superintend in person the further investigation of the Columbia county iron and coal deposits which are looked upon as some of the most important mineral bodies in the state.

State highway commission orders overland crossings on railroads in Union and Baker counties costing \$275,000.

Eugene.—\$150,000 modern apartment house to be built.

Salem Capital Journal.—"Total taxation for 1920 in Oregon is \$41,117,367, as against \$32,596,695 in 1919, an increase of \$8,520,672. The increase is due largely to special levies voted by the people.

Astoria has completed a shipping pier costing \$1,200,000.

Flax industry growing. One farmer at Aumsville has 110 acres planted.

S. P. Co. considering building the Oswego Canby cutoff.

Albany—Standard Oil Co. to build three tanks of 100,000 gallons capacity.

Portland to get another five story concrete automobile warehouse.

Echo—20,000 sheep sheared at Waternburger plant.

The Oregon City newsprint mill cut wages 20 per cent; also same cut at Salem paper mill.

Marshfield—Starting of two Coos Bay sawmills employing 300 men to relieve unemployment situation. East side mill to resume soon.

Portland.—Ten of the eighteen Columbia river sawmills operating. Lumber conditions improving and majority of Oregon mills resume operations.

Nyssa school building nearing completion. Much building in progress in residential district.

Nearly a million dollars to be spent for state highways and bridges this season.

CHAS. F. KEZAR

Chas. F. Kezar, a retired farmer from Alberta, who came here about two years ago, died at his home on South B street, between Mill and 2nd, last Saturday morning, of hardening of the arteries. The funeral was at Walker's chapel, Monday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. Thos. D. Yarnes. The burial was at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Kezar was about 64 years old. He leaves a widow and three children by former marriage; one daughter, Mrs. R. A. Denny, living in Eugene; another daughter in Chicago, and a son in Alberta.

CIVIC CLUB NOTES

Parents should attend teachers meeting, and discuss with the educators what the world holds for their children after school days are over, and how well the school is doing its work to prepare them for their work in life. Most discussions deal with methods of subjects familiar in the schools, but should take up also the ways and means to make boys and girls into healthy, keen minded men and women, with high ideals of American citizenship. The school room and its examinations are not the end and aim of education but the straight path to broader and better home and

FOUR O. A. C. SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE COMPETED FOR

The Department of Industrial Journalism of the O. A. C. is offering four cash scholarships of \$100 each, to be competed for by high school graduates of this year or those graduating within the past year who have not entered college.

Competitive contests will be conducted in Springfield by F. B. Hamlin, principal of the high school. Thus far one senior, Miss Maurine Lombard has entered. Three separate contests will determine the winner; the first in essay writing, judged on originality; the second in the form of efficiency tests; the third on ability in extemporaneous writing.

The first contest will be conducted in the various high schools of Oregon in the next two weeks. Printed rules governing the contest are being sent out to the high schools from the college. Detailed information can be obtained from Supt. Hamlin.

Regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Friday evening, May 20th at Morrison's hall.

ORDER OF EVENTS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON

The order of the events connected with the closing of the school year, as now laid out, is about as follows:

The postponed May Day program will occupy the whole of Friday afternoon, the 20th, beginning at 1:30, the weather permitting. It will be on the Lincoln school grounds, and all the grades will contribute to the program which consists of songs, drills, May-pole dance and other features. May Queen, Myrtle Harvey. Maids of Honor: Angeline Fischer, Constance Rehban, Sophia Shahan, Elizabeth Hughes. We have not space for the full program.

At the High School building, at 3 p. m. Friday, a literary program will be given, consisting of one number by each of the classes of the high school. The High School orchestra, led by Prof. Perfect, will furnish music for the occasion. After the program, a ple social will be given. The proceeds to go to the benefit of the Armenian Relief fund. The high school assumed responsibility for the keeping of three orphans, on an estimate of \$60 each for a year—\$180 in all.

The order of the work for the last week of the school will be as follows: Sunday evening, the 29th, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Thos. D. Yarnes. Theme: "Making Our Dreams Come True."

Friday evening, the 27th, the Senior Class play, "Home Ties," will be presented at the Bell theatre. The receipts will go to the general high school fund.

Monday, the 30th, being Decoration Day will be a holiday for the school.

Tuesday and Wednesday, final examinations.

Tuesday evening, 31st, reception to Senior class at the residence of Supt. Hamlin.

Wednesday evening, June 1st, Senior reception by the Junior class, probably at Morrison's hall.

Thursday, 2nd, class exercises at the High school building in the morning. Picnic in the afternoon.

Friday, 3d, Commencement Day, Assembly, for grades and cards.

Friday evening, commencement exercises at the Methodist church. Address by Prof. John C. Almack, of the U. of O. Theme: "The Theory of Success."

community living.

If the early impulses and pet ideas of children are encouraged and developed, the positions they are to fill will mean opportunity, and their work will be a pleasure instead of irksome.

To find the natural inclination of children for what they are best fitted is to find the making of many a genius. We must work for capability in our children and let us try to keep square pegs from round holes. Cooperation of parents and teachers will bring harmony and help in the making of true and loyal citizens.

Will Gott is opening a shoe repair shop in a small frame building opposite the News office.

SPRINGFIELD SOLDIER BOY BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

The four brothers of the Neats family, whose home was just beyond the Laurel Hill cemetery, George F., Jesse, Eary C., and Vernon L., entered the United States service in the world war. The two older went over seas, and were in the thick of the fight in France and along the border. Jesse, the second son, was in service on the other side 25 months and 8 days. Fred, as the eldest was called, saw about 13 months service over there. He was badly gassed in one of the fierce battles along the border of France, early in September, 1918. He did not receive medical attention quickly enough after he received the dose of gas, pneumonia set in soon after he reached the hospital, and he died in a few days.

The brothers here have received word in the last few days that Fred's remains were on the way from France and were expected to arrive in New York on the 21. If there is no unusual detention in New York, they should arrive here about the 25th. They will be buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, close to the old home. The American Legion here, of which the three surviving brothers are members will have charge of the funeral and burial. Of course the remains cannot be exposed.

The home coming and burial of the remains of the dead soldier boy will be a severe trial to the parents, especially the mother, who is somewhat feeble; but since the son must suffer the common fate of the soldier, it should be a comfort to know that his body is brought back to his native country, and buried hard by his boyhood home.

SPRINGFIELD COUPLE SPRING A SURPRISE

Two well known Springfield young people have been playing what they may consider a neat trick on their circle of friends, but the latter feel that they have been aggrieved in being cut out of the chance of holding a grand pow-wow over the young couple as is usual in such cases. Sidney V. Ward and Miss Margaret Pearl Tomseth had been associated in their work at the theatre; he as manager and she at the ticket window. Every thing appeared to be going on as usual, and the aforesaid friends supposed that if anything out of the everyday course of things took place they would be called in to help out. But on the 6th of May, which was Friday, a day which some people call unlucky, the two young people accompanied by Margaret's mother motored to Albany, called on the Rev. Mr. Poling, of the Presbyterian church, and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They came back the same day, and went on with their ordinary duties as usual. The truth did not leak out until Tuesday of this week. All that the friends whom they have thus slighted can do about it is to come up and tender congratulations.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tomseth. The young couple will continue to live in Springfield.

REBEKAHS AND ODDFELLOWS ATTEND ALBANY CONVENTION

Rebekahs and Oddfellows to the number of about 70 attended the Odd Fellows convention and took part in the parade at Albany Wednesday. Springfield's band of 16 pieces attended as a part of the delegation and had the honor of leading the Grand lodge in the parade, although it was intended that the band should march with the Springfield delegation, which would have given the boys the publicity they were entitled to.

The parade was one of the largest fraternal parades ever held in the state outside of Portland and was worth going miles to see. One of the large truck drivers that made the trip from here stated this morning that he didn't care if he did have to walk a few miles for gasoline the trip was worth it.

The eighth grade examinations for the Springfield schools will be held at the Lincoln school building June 8th, 9th and 10th.

Springfield High School presents their Commemement Play

"Home Ties"

A Comedy Drama in 4 acts

OVER 2½ HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT
Between act stunts and Orchestra Specials

BELL THEATRE
FRIDAY, MAY 27th

Reserved seats on sale Tuesday May 24, at Eggman's.