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ROAD BOND AMENDMENT

Among the nine state measures to be voted upon at the May 21 election is a constitutional amendment ratification of which is essential to early completion of the state highway program. It is a measure increasing the constitutional limit on state road bond indebtedness from 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in Oregon. As the assessed value aggregates approximately \$1,000,000, adoption of this amendment would enable the legislature to authorize the issue of a total of \$40,000,000 of state highway bonds, including all that have been authorized or issued to date. Unless this amendment is ratified, the existing 2 per cent limitation would hold the bond issues down to \$20,000,000, all of which either has been issued or has been contracted for in state highway work to be completed during 1920.

The alternative to authorize this increase to 4 per cent is to let completion of the state's main highways drag along after 1920 as they can be improved from annual revenues, or to vote a heavy direct state tax on property such as has been proposed for the November election. The direct tax proposal is for a 5-mill state road tax, which would visit such a heavy additional burden upon property that its enactment is unthinkable so long as there is any other method of financing the state highway program.

As against the direct tax proposition, the bonding amendment to be voted upon May 21 contains distinct advantages.

Not the least of these advantages is that no property tax whatsoever is involved in its ratification. The annual revenues from the present auto license fees and gasoline tax will amply finance both principal and interest of the entire \$40,000,000 bonds that have been and can be issued under the 4 per cent limitation. No increase in either of these fees will be required, and as said, no property tax whatsoever.

A table has been compiled by the legislative committee and published in the official state pamphlet, mailed to registered voters, showing the income from auto license fees and gas tax and also the interest and bond redemption payments as they will be made from year to year until all the bonds have been redeemed. This table reveals that besides taking up interest and principal of all the bonds the revenues from auto license fees and gasoline tax will yield an annual surplus, to be used for other state, highway purposes. The revenue figured upon for bond interests and redemption does not include any part of the proceeds of the auto license fees that are turned over to the counties, and neither does it include the cost of administration of auto taxes or auto tax collection. Neither of these disbursements are interfered with or increased, and the revenue for bond interest and redemption is the net that is left after the counties have been taken care of and all administrative expenses paid. This table, which will be in the hands of every registered voter, is one which should be studied carefully. It has been audited and certified as correct, and shows beyond a doubt that the revenue from the two automobile sources will be abundant to take care of bond principal and interest without any increase of present rates and without any property tax. In the light of the information in this table, it would seem suicidal for taxpayers to permit a direct state road tax levy of 5 mills in addition to all other local property taxes that must be met in operating their accounts.

In ratifying this bonding amendment, the voters of Oregon simply permit the automobile owners to get the full use of the state roads which they are paying for out of their own pockets. If the bonds are issued, all the main state highways can be completed by 1925, so that travel will be undisturbed from each section of the state to every other part, via the state highways east and west as well as north and south. The development that will follow in the wake of this travel will be of incalculable value to the state, to say nothing of the enhancement in property values that will accrue. Along the highways, an outlet will be furnished for the products of all the adjacent and tributary farming regions.

In addition to providing funds for completion of the main state highway program, the authorization of a total of \$40,000,000 bonds (including the \$20,000,000 already authorized by the constitution) will enable the state to match the federal funds that have been apportioned to Oregon for post roads and forest roads. Unless this pending amendment is ratified, the state will not have sufficient funds with which to meet the government on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and thus will be denied the aid of millions of federal money on Oregon roads.

Failure to adopt this amendment is certain to visit a heavy penalty on the taxpayers of many counties. It is certain that if the state has insufficient funds with which to connect up the main highways such a clamor will go up in many localities that the counties will be forced to vote direct property taxes to construct the missing links. In this event, the county property would have to carry the burden that would be borne exclusively by the auto owner under the pending amendment. No one who has observed the trend of sentiment in favor of completing these state highways but what is aware that it cannot be restated. If the auto owners are not permitted to have their own money used to build the roads at an early date, they will unite in support of any direct tax that may be proposed as a means of getting the roads finished. As a safeguard to protect property from inevitable heavy taxation for state roads, farsighted taxpayers are giving this 4 per cent bonding amendment their earnest support.

Oregon has been singularly fortunate in that the cost of state highways has been held down by an exceptionally able and honest state highway commission. Paving of state roads in Oregon has cost from 20 per cent to 50 per cent less than in most other states, and this lower cost has been in spite of the advantages possessed by most other states in the lower costs of road materials. In no other state, without exception, has public sentiment been able to draft into the public service highway commissioners of the caliber, reputation, and ability of the men who have served Oregon in this capacity and are now on the commission. To provide this commission with adequate funds to complete the state highway program is to insure its early completion at a minimum of cost for a maximum of return for each dollar spent.

PACIFIC COAST SPORTS

If the attendance in the various cities on the opening day of the Pacific Coast baseball league can be taken as a criterion, the indications are that the expectations of a banner year are likely to be consummated. Sacramento, with its 14,000 attendance had the biggest attendance in the history of the game in that city. This figure is the more remarkable in that it matched the attendance in San Francisco. In the case of San Francisco, however, it may be said that 14,000 persons is the capacity of Recreation Park. What the attendance might have been had there been further accommodations will remain unanswered.

Reports from Salt Lake City and Los Angeles tell the same story of banner crowds. The usual ceremonies consisting of parade, flag raising and participation by state or city officials also were a part of the various programs. For the next few weeks, if the precedent of former years is to be maintained, the batters will have an opportunity of fattening up their averages at the expense of the pitchers thus insuring a good running start for the more lean days that are likely to follow. The reason for this is that the pitchers do not get into form until later in the season. It is still cold weather and not until the warm sun gets to drying the pitching arms do the moundmen begin to get in their best work.

It is no trick at all for a lot of the best of the batters to maintain an average of 400 or better during the first few weeks but after that it doesn't take them long to be felled down a hundred points or more in the percentage column. The average pitcher is mighty glad when these first few weeks are over for they do as much as anything to keep down their pitching averages for the season. Of course there are exceptions to all rules even in the case of pitchers and batters and these must be considered in the record.

One of the aspects of the game that the fans hope will show improvement this season is the matter of speed in playing the games. Last season a great proportion of the contests were dragged out an interminable length and there is nothing more demoralizing to the morale of both players and spectators as the sight of an audience beginning to file out of the grounds before the play is over. While the players can contribute a lot to fast and snappy play, in the last analysis, it is up to the umpires to see to it that no time is wasted and a few times now and then would go a long way to bettering these conditions.

In the matter of delaying the game no one player can do more to make things drag than a pitcher who takes an eternity to wind himself up before pitching over the ball. If the clubs want to please their patrons it would be a wise thing for every manager to have a little confidential chat with his hurlers and impart the information that rapid fire was the order of the season.

That the followers of any particu-

lar line of sport are averse to seeing their favorite pastime exploited or abused is well shown in a recent attempt to stage a freak golf match. A wideawake press agent, in order to get publicity for his golf course, advertised a tournament in which it was permissible for the gallery to shout, ring cow-bells and do anything save actually touch the players in physical contact.

The game of golf calls for the best consideration of one's opponent while he is making a shot and no overt act is tolerated by the etiquette of the game. The ethics of golf are considered, by its devotees, as one of its principal charms. That the delibera-

ate infraction of the rules did not find favor with golfers was shown in the fact that less than a dozen persons figured in the competition.

Golfers who have the best interests of the game at heart, by and large, resent exploitation of the sport by means of farce comedy and the press agent is likely to find more than good will come of the effort.

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