

DENNIS RESOLUTION TO HAVE FOLLOWING

Ban on Tax Measures Bill Backed by Greater Ore- gon Association.

A campaign is to be made in behalf of the Dennis Resolution. It will be handled by a body known as the Greater Oregon association, now being organized. L. B. Smith, secretary and counsel of the association, was with C. C. Chapman in the income tax repeal campaign of 1924. Smith says the association has membership in nearly all the counties of Oregon. The personnel of the campaign committee will be announced as soon as it is perfected as to all the counties.

The Dennis Resolution was submitted to the people of Oregon by the 1925 legislature. It is a proposal for an amendment to the constitution. It provides that no state income tax or state inheritance tax shall be levied by Oregon before the year 1940.

Leadership in opposition to the two income tax bills is also being taken by the Greater Oregon association. These two bills will be voted upon at the same election as the Dennis Resolution. One is the Grange bill for state income tax, and the other is the so-called "offset" bill sponsored by the Public Service League.

Local committees throughout the state will participate in the campaign for the Dennis Resolution and against the two income tax bills, according to Secretary Smith.

"The Greater Oregon association consists of forward thinking men," said Smith. "Its membership includes manufacturers, merchants, farmers, bankers, fruitgrowers, dairymen and stockraisers, located in every part of Oregon. All are impelled by the conviction that it is necessary for Oregon to establish a definite policy, of a kind that will help bring about the development of the state's resources and will help make the people of Oregon more prosperous."

"For ten years the income tax has been an issue in Oregon. This year finds two more state income tax bills on the ballot. The fight over this issue will rock the state for years unless a definite policy is established, and established in such a manner that there will be no doubt as to Oregon's real attitude. It is necessary to establish Oregon's policy firmly, so that confidence in Oregon stability will be inspired. By amending the constitution with a solemn contractual guarantee to the world that these obnoxious forms of taxation will not be resorted to before 1940, Oregon will have a breathing spell of more than ten years during which the wisdom of the policy will receive such a test that by 1940 the people will know by experience whether the policy is a profitable one for them."

"Oregon offers attractive opportunities in lands, timber, manufacturing and commerce. Uncertainty with reference to the state's taxation policy is the principal deterrent to investment. The merits of state income tax or of state inheritance tax are not involved, for bitter differences of opinion prevail. It is the uncertainty and instability which must be removed. It is sound business judgment to remove this uncertainty. That is why the Dennis Resolution is being supported. The decision to support the Dennis Resolution was reached because of the realization that Oregon is suffering a serious handicap in her fight to obtain her deserved rank on the Pacific coast. This handicap is due to the persistence of a factional fight over a form of taxation. It has continued for ten years and indications are that it will continue holding Oregon back for another ten years unless the question can be settled in a form that definitely binds the state for a definite period of sufficient length."

"The Dennis amendment, as it was conceived by Senator Bruce Dennis of LaGrande and Representative Charles J. Shelton of Baker, was designed to release the forces of development that have been bottled up for years. By its ratification Oregon would remove the issue beyond the field of active controversy for a period of years long enough to permit other states in the western group—particularly the Pacific coast states—to do the tax experimenting if they want to. It is entirely possible that during that period the other states will arrive at a policy sufficiently uniform to prevent one state from being singled out and discriminated against by investors of capital. If so, Oregon can at that time adjust itself to what its neighbor states are doing, according to what appears to be the best interest of Oregon. Meanwhile our state will have escaped the penalties of continuous experimentation. We can watch and see what happens else-

where, and be ready to profit by it when, in 1940, the question can come up again in Oregon.

"There will be no personal politics or partisan politics in the campaign conducted by the association. The campaign will be conducted on a high plane, representing, as it does, the first step toward the restoration of confidence of our own people, and those outside, that Oregon is competent to manage its tax affairs in a manner that encourages state development, and that will lead to tax reduction by the one means that will effectively accomplish that reduction—that is, by additions to taxable wealth through development of our resources."

"It is not expected that any speculative boom will reach Oregon as a result of the adoption of this amendment, nor is such a boom desired. Comparisons have been made with Florida because of the adoption of the Dennis Resolution by the legislature, but in spite of the flood of speculation in Florida, that state has emerged in a vastly improved condition in relation to taxable wealth, bank deposits and permanent population."

"Agricultural, climatic and manufacturing condition in Florida and in Oregon have nothing in common. Each state has its own problems. What we must do in Oregon is to commit ourselves to a policy that will permit development to go forward freely."

"We believe that adoption of the Dennis Resolution will go a long way towards bringing about the conditions outlined by the Legislative Committee in their formal argument prepared for the state's official pamphlet, wherein they said their faith was that the people of Oregon will choose the path that leads to unity of purpose, to progress, to prosperity and to the achievement of a worthy destiny."

Temporarily, campaign headquarters will be in the office of the Greater Oregon association in the Oregon building, Portland.

Portions of National Forests Now Closed

Almost two and a half million acres of national forest land in Oregon and Washington have been closed this season as an emergency forest fire measure, according to a forest service statement just issued. The statement gives as reasons for these closures, "the extremely dry conditions starting early in the season, the large num-

ber of lightning fires, and the need for preventing man-caused forest fires."

Only areas of specially high fire hazard have been closed, which is relatively only a small portion of the total national forest area of 23 million acres in the two states. In Oregon, 38,000 acres have been closed to smoking, 2,800 acres to camping, and 149,800 acres to all forms of use except under special permit. The total area closed in Oregon is 190,680.

Closures in Washington are: to smoking, 88,155 acres; to smoking and camping, 6,960 acres; to all use except under special permit, 2,196,732 acres; total, 2,246,847 acres. Total for Oregon and Washington is 2,437,527.

The largest single closed area is the Chelan national forest in Washington. The entire forest, 1,914,572 acres, is closed, with the exception of certain designated camp sites. Other national forests in Washington having closed areas are: Snoqualmie, Olympic, Columbia, Colville, Rainier, Wenatchee and Mount Baker. In Oregon, closing orders have been issued for parts of the Cascade, Santiam, Mount Hood, Deschutes, Willows, and Umatilla forests.

In closing these national forest areas to public use the forest service acts under authority of trespass regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and violations are prosecuted accordingly, it is said. Closing orders remain in effect until the close of the fire season. The forest service statement urges that persons planning to visit any of the national forests listed get in touch with the local supervisor or ranger to find out the exact location of the closed areas.

MORGAN

Those who have finished heading are A. F. and W. F. Palmateer, Earl Morgan, Noah Pettyjohn and H. O. Ely.

Mr. Conshot of Condon was through here the past week buying mules. Alfred Troedson is combining for Bill Thomas.

Mildred Morgan is working for C. Hutchcroft.

Gertrude Pettyjohn had her tonsils removed by Dr. McMurdo Saturday last and is confined to her bed. Mrs. Alfred Medlock and sons left Sunday for Missouri where she will

visit her parents whom she has not seen for six years.

Pat Medlock and daughter returned home from Lexington Monday where they have been working during the harvest season.

Noah Pettyjohn is helping R. F. Eckieberry with his heading.

Tom Cutsforth and sons of Lexington moved down here Thursday to harvest the crop on their place.

Robert Smith of south of Ione was down Thursday looking after his property here.

Harold Townsend went to work for Chas. Feldman.

While Fay Pettyjohn was under his combine Wednesday, cilling up, his team became frightened and started to run. Mr. Pettyjohn was lucky in getting the team stopped before any

serious results.

Those who were calling on H. O. Ely and family Sunday afternoon were W. F. Palmateer, A. F. Palmateer and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halferty and family and F. D. Ely and wife.

Evin Ely went to Irrigon Sunday and brought back a load of watermelons.

The Morgan Sunday school is closed until the 1st of September.

Mrs. Pat Medlock entertained a number of her friends at her home Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Medlock was calling on Mrs. Fay Pettyjohn Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauernfiend were calling on Mrs. W. Farrens at Ione Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Jim Hardesty was calling on Mrs. Alfred Medlock Friday.

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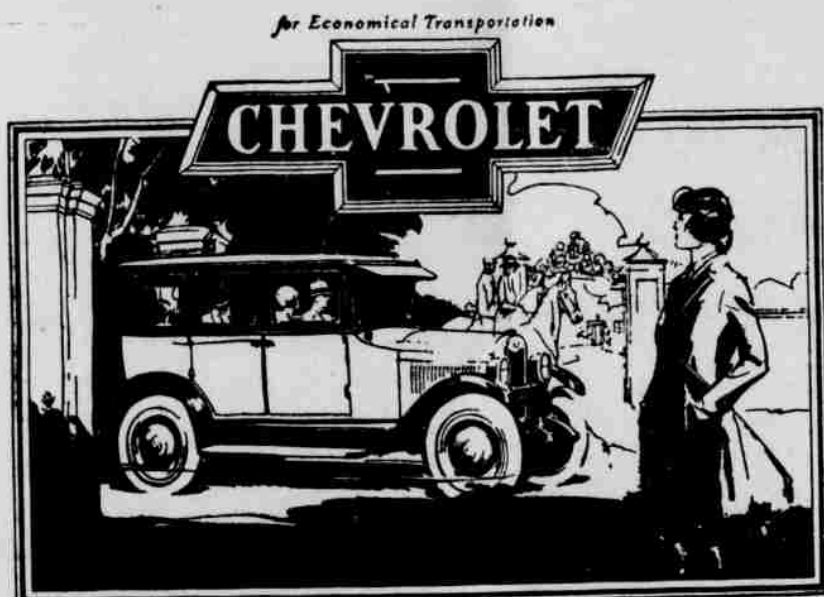
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