

# EDITORIAL . . . . .



## Had Enough? Then Read This

Voters this year will have to decide vital issues. The 1946 election will be the first opportunity since the war to vote on fundamental principles of government.

The issues of the election are simple and clear-cut. They summarize what a Republican victory will mean to the nation, and what the nation will gain by the defeat of Democratic candidates.

The election of a Republican congress this year means the choice of—

- Free constitutional government instead of executive dictatorship.
- Individual rights and liberty instead of regimentation and control.
- Private enterprise instead of "planned" and socialistic economy.
- Economy and fiscal stability instead of extravagance and high taxes.
- Efficiency in administration instead of confusion and mismanagement.
- Integrity of government instead of deceit and corruption.
- Teamwork and cooperation instead of feuds, quarrels and squabbles.
- Americanism instead of communism and subversive practices.
- Fair labor relations instead of trickery and political favoritism.
- Open and consistent foreign policy instead of blunders and secret deals.
- These are the issues. They may be stated in different words by different speakers, but their essential meaning is simple and clear. They show what is wrong with the present Democratic administration. They show why a Republican congress should be elected this year, to end the confusion, corruption, controls, and threat of communism in our government.

By retaining a Republican delegation in congress and returning to office the men who have had the welfare of the state in their hands the past four years, Oregon will be making a valuable contribution toward recovering such of our constitutional form of government as has been sabotaged and make more secure that which has been spared to us.

Would it not be better to place your confidence in a man who has voted and worked for the best interests of the people rather than the party machine? That is the record of Lowell Stockman, representative of the second Oregon district in Congress.

More business and less politics has been the rule in the Governor's office and in the conduct of the affairs of Secretary of State. The Snell policy has been to spend money wisely, even at the expense of his political welfare, and the only howling that is being done is by those who have not fattened their wallets at the expense of the taxpayers. The same holds for Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The loss of either or both of these men would be a serious blow to the state's economic management.

Be it ever so bungled there's no homelike place.

An exchange says—For Horse Sense, vote Republican. For HORSE MEAT, vote Democratic.

## Day of Decision Near

This has been a quiet campaign in Oregon, although there has been an undercurrent of restlessness that undoubtedly will make itself felt at the polls next Tuesday.

It is to be hoped that this unrest will bring out a big vote so that decisions made for men and measures will be a real expression of the electorate.

We are concerned, for the moment, with the measures on the ballot. There is neither time nor space to permit lengthy discussion. If decisions have not been made prior to this date there is little probability they will be made by Nov. 5.

At a late hour House Bill 80 is the subject of a concerted attack by members of the Oregon State Grange. A circular letter signed by Morton Tompkins, master, describes the bill as being vicious and designed to rob the people of the individual school districts of their right to govern their own affairs.

The basic school fund extends the principle of House Bill 80 to a statewide basis. The only fly in the ointment so far as the thinly populated and at present prosperous eastern Oregon counties are concerned is that they will be called upon to contribute much more to the general fund than they will receive.

## Oregon Is Pushing Forward

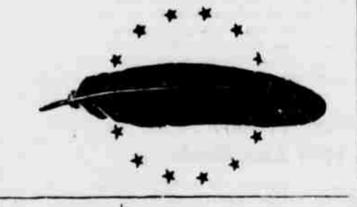
Proof that Oregon is pushing ahead is seen in a report received by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission and released for publication this week. According to the statement, Oregon's industrial employment increased twice as rapidly as the rest of the United States during the first half of 1946.

While the nation's manufacturing establishments gained 6.2 percent from January to June to employ 14 million persons, Oregon's industrial jobs increased from 105,601 to 118,576 or 12.3 percent.

The expansion resulted in spite of a cut in shipyard employment from 14,813 in January to 7,719 in June. Lumber and logging firms accounted for most of the gain, jumping from 42,173 to 54,275. Food processing jobs increased from 16,495 to 20,931, while other manufacturing concerns reported gains of 3,531.

All covered employment in Oregon reached 273,317 in June, a gain of nearly 12 percent from January, also nearly double the nation's rate. Of non-manufacturing groups, construction maintained the best pace, advancing from 12,290 to 17,718 jobs in the first half of the year.

Continued seasonal demand for workers in all parts of the state prevailed.



## Europe Still Needs American Food

New York, N. Y.—"Europe's population still suffers from the aftermath of years of war and hunger," Mrs. William N. Haskell, wife of Lt. General William N. Haskell, Executive Director of CARE, reported during an interview at CARE headquarters in New York. She added that the prohibitive prices of food in the black market were placing it beyond the reach of the great majority of people there.

Mrs. Haskell has just returned from Europe, where she accompanied General Haskell on his recent food-inspection trip.



Children enjoy food from CARE sent by American Friends—Mrs. Haskell, wife of Lt. Gen. Haskell, Executive Director of CARE, who has just returned from a tour of Europe.

Mrs. Haskell told of one Sunday afternoon when she and the General attended an impressive ceremony in Chartres, where a street was being named for General George Patton. The citizens of Chartres all regard General Patton as their personal liberator, Mrs. Haskell explained, because it was his men who arrived in time to save the town from the Nazis.

"The stirring singing of the Te Deum" by the townspeople, and the official christening of the street in General Patton's honor, was followed by still another ceremony," Mrs. Haskell said. "This was to honor the citizens of Chartres, who had risked their lives to aid the underground during the war."

## Capitol News Letter...

By MURRAY WADE  
COMEBACK OF THE DOLLAR

When you walk out of the voting booth next Tuesday and give your hands a slap and rub of satisfaction, over a good deed well done, do not be disturbed if your palm itches. It won't mean what you think it means. You are not going to get more money. You are going to get more for your money.

The state has several thousand wards and workers which must be provided for, and the going is not easy. It is potent with responsibility. Bottlenecks are forever adding "hard to get" items. Stockpiling buying is out as the state is fresh out of storage space. Held up by priorities and short production is \$8,000,000 of state buildings. They are happy that food ceilings have been removed by OPA—and naturally so—they are all republicans, and feature prices will level off soon.

Top state officials are all playing on the same team and their Sunday play is—"the dollar is on the comeback!"

DELINQUENCY OF YOUTH

"The problem of delinquent youth can only be solved by referring action to an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," says J. S. Murray, business manager of the Oregon State penitentiary. "Habits of life are formed at an early age. Parents must play a more important part in turning the energy of youths to better pursuits. Where bad practices are noticed, then arrangements must be made at once."

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## OPPOSES SCHOOL BILL

Opposition to the rural school bill—House Bill 80, in a communication received from J. Lewis Johnson, superintendent of schools at Boardman, is expressed in the following communication. Lack of space forbids publication of the entire article.

Mr. Johnson states that this article is addressed to every newspaper editor, organization, voter: The proposed rural school districts and boards law is both misleading and vicious. This one reason alone should condemn the proposed law.

It proposes to create a one five-member rural school board with absolute dictator powers for each county in Oregon.

The proposed board is outside the law. The proposed board can make laws of their own, as they see fit. Sections 8 and 12, Official Voters Pamphlet, November 5, 1946, read Section 14, Page 13.

What are the requirements necessary to be a board member? Nothing except being a qualified voter. Members of this proposed board would be dictators. They might be or become very dangerous obstructionists to public school and community interests.

All qualified voters are not sensible good business men. All qualified voters are not interested in good schools. All voters are not honest, fair-minded, or free from selfish interests.

Good men would shrink at assuming this grave responsibility of a five-man dictator for five years without adequate pay. It is un-American, and a dangerous policy of concentration of power in a few selfish interests may elect bad men on the board.

A one-board for all schools is too big a job and too dangerous an experiment to try. The job is too big for one board.

Local school district boards have been doing a pretty good job. School board authority should remain in the local districts.

Vote 305 x No. Yours for better schools, J. Lewis Johnson, Supt. of Schools, Boardman.

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