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Read 'em and Weep!

When you take the general election ballot in hand Tuesday you may be somewhat flabbergasted by its size, and well you may, for in addition to the long string of names to be voted upon there are eleven measures for you to consider and try to place the X in the right place. Like answering all of the "yes or no" questions on a quiz show correctly, it will be some stunt if you can hit the payoff on each one. After a great deal of study, research, and countless sleepless nights, we have arrived at the conclusion that the following presentation by Oregon Business & Tax Research is more comprehensive (and just as reliable) than anything we could devise. While definite recommendations are lacking, the measures are so presented as to leave little doubt in the minds of the voters.

SIX PER CENT TAX LIMITATION

To avoid voting on special tax levies on cities, etc., where cost of government outstrips slowly increasing tax base, people may vote to establish a new, higher base which shall be the average of total taxes levied (regular and special voted levies) for three successive years. If costs and prices were normal this might be OK. But a corporation wouldn't guarantee dividends to its stockholders based on three unusual earning years, and why should taxpayers guarantee a permanent lift to taxpayers based on abnormal conditions? We can't string along with ORTR altogether on this inasmuch as rapid growth in population and lack of sales tax has made it necessary to produce more revenue, which appears to have no alternative other than property.

BONDS FOR REFORESTATION

Forests are Oregon's greatest payroll asset and economic resource. No. 1 cash backbone. Private owners (with few exceptions) are not organized to carry cost of 100-year crops. Oregon now owns thousands of acres of cut-over reforesting lands. State bonds to be sold payable first from forest product revenue, then from general taxes to rehabilitate, acquire, plant, protect forests, to place forests on permanent basis.

BOYS' CAMP

Legislature referred a recommendation of a study committee to establish a camp for rehabilitation of pre-delinquent boys, 12 to 18, on state-owned property, providing vocational and educational training, character building. Professional welfare workers say bill's terms are vague in some respects. This is an effort to keep orphans, problem kids out of state reform school. (This has some merit.)

HYDRO POWER PROJECTS

The 1947 legislature eased the 1931 law for granting licenses to develop hydro power on Ore-

gon rivers, to make possible the financing of these projects. Certain 1931 provisions relating to "take over" of such plants by state give so indefinite a tenure for water's use as to discourage a dam on Snake river. Public ownership groups claim amendments surrender important state rights, that Ox Bow development will block a larger federal project. Our analysis shows state's "take over" right is not impaired on basis of reasonable treatment normally expected to be extended to private capital that is willing to aid in Oregon's development in this expansive stage of state's growth. (If you believe in preservation of private industry rights, vote 306 X Yes.)

WHO CAN VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS

Those who can vote on school bonds, special school bonds, special school levies, must be property owners—a relic from early Oregon history. Bring Oregon up-to-date. Vote 308 X Yes.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

Like all previous Townsend Plan measures, the current bill is too "starry-eyed." Be safe. Vote 311 X No.

PERSONAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

This bill would put single, married exemptions under state income tax back where they were prior to sales tax defeat \$750 single, \$1500 double. It's a case of taking off of incomes and putting on to property. Better let it remain as is.

LIQUOR BY THE DRINK

Authorizes granting of licenses by OLCC to hotels, restaurants, clubs and common carriers, with or without food, to serve liquor by the drink, under \$5,000 bond, \$500 license fee, added cost of liquor (bought from OLCC stores) use a bottle, thus giving some small added revenue to public welfare purposes. (Better leave Knox law as is.)

WORLD WAR II BONUS

Provides \$500 maximum bonus, with funds from sale of state bonds, to World War II veterans. Through grammatical error the proposal bars Oregon National Guard 41st Division veterans, also anyone who was in armed forces prior to Pearl Harbor. Since errors in constitutional amendments are difficult to correct, such discrimination should insure its rejection.

FIXED FISH GEAR

Astoria union-member gillnetters are trying to abolish all other fishing apparatus on the Columbia river, thus monopolize catch. (Well, what do you think? Do you favor monopolies?)

DEFICIENCY TAX LEVY

The state tax commission certified to the secretary of state that on June 30, 1949 Oregon will have an operating fiscal deficit of \$6,400,000, difference between expenses incurred and miscellaneous revenue in sight. Since the state has already levied on property, all it could under the 6 per cent limitation, this special levy on property (not to be actually levied due to income tax) must be approved by the people before income tax surplus can be used to cancel it. (Obviously the thing to do is to vote 318 X Yes.)

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller drove to Salem Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Miller's cousin, Miss Lola Schultz, which was held Wednesday morning.

30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, Oct. 31, 1918

A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo Oct. 27. The young man was ushered into life under rather unfavorable conditions as his mother was sick with the flu at the time. Both are reported to be doing nicely now.

Some 18 or 20 well developed cases of influenza seem to be the extent of Heppner's affliction so far. New cases this morning are Oscar Borg, Neva Hayes and F. W. Turner.

Mrs. D. A. Reid passed away at Heppner Sunday night, a victim of Spanish influenza. She had just returned Saturday from Portland where she nursed a son who was down with it.

F. R. Brown, Morrow county agricultural agent for the past two years, has tendered his resignation to take effect as soon as a successor can be named.

The following young men of Morrow county draftees, have

been called for service to report between Nov. 11 and 15: Pat Curran, Wilbur Goodrich, Harlan Swift, Lewis Cason, Harold Cox, Bernal Bewley, Leonard M. Barr.

Ted Young got home the first of the week from the East. He has been "seeing America" this summer and spent some time in various parts of the country along the Atlantic seaboard.

Charles Barlow was obliged to abandon his express and delivery business on Tuesday and retire to his home a victim of the flu.

Married at the J. W. Hiatt home on Rhea Creek Friday, Oct. 25, Lon McFerrin and Minnie Davenport.

The women of Heppner have nominated a ticket, composed of men, which they present for consideration at the polls next Tuesday. Dr. R. J. Vaughn for mayor; for councilmen, Fred Tash, J. W. Beyer and Mike Kenny; for recorder, J. P. Williams and for treasurer, L. W. Briggs.

of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forsythe, on Monday.

Mrs. W. E. McMillan and daughters were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Ina Nichols and son Archie, Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker returned Monday from a few days spent in Portland. While there they visited S. G. (Gus) McMillan who is ill there, and report him much improved.

Charles Bloodworth and son Jimmie are spending a few days at Enterprise, where they intend to do some elk hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Rauch are the proud parents of a son born in Pendleton.

A Lexington visitor at the home this Thursday and Friday the high school teachers will attend a high school teachers work shop at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande. The grade school will hold school as usual.

Friday, Lexington football team met the Mitchell team on the local field, defeating them 25 to 6. November 5 they will play Prescott at Prescott, and November 19 on the local field with Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hicks are the proud parents of a baby son born in The Dalles.

Miss Joy Gerhartz entertained her Spanish class with a Spanish party at her home on Monday night. The evening was spent in a treasure hunt with many funny and interesting consequences and

Lexington P-TA Proposes Turfing Of Football Field

Mrs. Cecil Jones

The Lexington P-TA had their annual meeting last Tuesday at the school house with a business meeting and entertainment. The program consisted of a puppet show, the clown by Patty Majeske and Woody Woodpecker by Jo McMillan; an instrumental number by Patty Majeske, Betty Lou Messenger and Jo McMillan, Franklin Messenger and Marvin Way. Also on the program was a talk by Miss Gillis, county health nurse on tuberculosis. She announced that the x-ray unit would be here Nov. 9. All are urged to take these x-rays. The P-TA voted to turf the football field immediately following football season. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ledbetter are the proud parents of a baby daughter born Sunday morning at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. The young miss topped the scales at 6 lbs. 2 oz. and has been named Janet Louise. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Winkle of this city, her mother being the former Loraine Van Winkle.

Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione was

MINUTES To VOTE YEARS To SERVE

In a matter of minutes, on November 2nd, you will select the public officials who will serve you for years to come.

HERE IS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU. Make a real study of all candidates offering themselves for public office in this election. Forget for a moment your own party affiliation and that of the candidate you are investigating. Think only "Is this man, is this woman, the candidate best suited by personal background, ability and record in public and private life for this particular office?" Do this honestly and we are sure that you, too, will vote Republican.

Remember, vote for the best man. May the best man win!

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Those going elk hunting with Darrell Padberg were Alva Casebeer, Marvin Casebeer, Archie Hill of Heppner and Woodrow Tucker of Stanfield.

Mrs. W. E. McCoy gave a birthday party for her daughter Carol, Oct. 21 in honor of her ninth birthday. Games were played and refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Those present were Mardine Baker, Jean Ann Swanson, Julianna Rietmann, Alice Kay Mason, Marilyn Pettyjohn, Gracie McCabe, Alecia and Clara Ann Swales, Janie Bye and Ann Baker.

The Lexington public library donated the following books to the Ione public library: Dr. Parrish, President; by Thompson; The Silver Flute, Larimore; Crazy Weather, McNichols; Beach Red, Bowman; Breath of Life, Baldwin; Private Drily, Baldwin;

Mrs. Frank Connor, Worthy Matron.

Something Special, Baldwin; Three Loves Are Mine, Colver; I'll Never Forget You, Shann; Love Calls the Tune, Norris; The Building of Jalna, De La Roche; Lebanon, Miller; Pride's Way, Molby; The Time of Decision, Welles.

Mrs. Dora Parrott is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Franklin Ely.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Speaking for Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, I want to thank the Heppner fire department for the quick response and thoughtful care in putting out the fire that damaged the kitchen of the Masonic hall on Thursday of last week. And the chapter deeply appreciates the kindness of the Elks and Oddfellows in offering the use of their halls for the meeting last Friday evening.

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VOTE MCKAY General Election Nov. 2

Pd. Adv. by Morrow County McKay for Governor Club, Olive Hughes, Secretary.

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1948

Every registered voter should take time on this day to exercise his right of franchise as an American citizen and by his ballot assist in directing the future destiny of our local, state and national government.

A vote for GARNET BARRATT for the office of Morrow County Judge will be appreciated.

Vote 31 X Garnet Barratt.

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