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Exercise Your Right! Vote!

An election will be held tomorrow-Friday, May 19-that will be of great significance to Oregon, and perhaps to the nation. It is the Oregon primary election, at which time nominations of candidates for the various state, district, and county officials will be made. This calls for majority rather than minority nominations - a full expression by the people, for upon their decision depends to a large extent the future of the state and the Northwest. We must decide whether we want to remain masters of our own destiny or have the socialist planners do all of our planning for us; whether we want a free economy or a controlled (politically, of course) economy.

Those who are seeking to place us in bondage would naturally prefer that those opposed to their insidious ideas stay away from the polls, and from the way a large segment of the voting population has been doing that very thing in recent years it appears that we are being lulled into a state of lethargy by the glib promises of great things to come if we but sit adly by and let the "big boys" up in Washington do all of our thinking for us.

The polis will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be ample time for each and every voter to cast his or her ballot. Exercise your right as a citizen and a registered voter to get to the polls and vote. Only by so-doing can we revive an interest in our American way of life,

What Do You Read?

In view of the publicity that was given the rural school budget and the lack of information exhibited by voters prior to and on the day of election, the question arises, "What are people interested in-what do they read?"

The Gazette Times, with the assistance of the Rural School Board through its secretary, Henry Tetz, endeavored to make clear the most salient features of the school budget, feeling it an obligation to the voters that they know what they were being asked to vote upon, yet when election day arrived there were many who did not know what it was about. Is it indifference to our public welfare, or is it a distaste for anything that requires a little thought and study?

Whatever the reason, the Rural School Board has felt obliged to accede to the request of some of the high school districts that another election be called immediately. Just how far the board will carry the torch is a matter of uncertainty, but conversion of electricity to do the chores of Ameriit is a certainty that it will "pass the buck" to the several district boards to furnish most of the in- a half men. No age has seen anything like it, secretary, was sent down to formation and reserve any the secretary is a secretary of the secretary formation and the secretary is a secretary of the secre formation and promote whatever campaign they a marvelous testimony to the effectiveness of the Oswald West, also a Democrat, to ask what West knew about the the budget. Should the second election follow the footsteps of the first, then it will be up to the several school districts to call elections on their own budgets. This newspaper feels it has an obligation to meet in passing on information to its readers and the public-information that will be of benefit to the individual and the community. It can only hope that its readers will make use of the information, which is obtained from reliable sources and given without a spirit of bias. There is no de. sire to dictate how anyone shall vote. It is believed that if the people go into the booth properly informed they will vote right. The desire is to get information to many more people who should vote on school matters and other elections. The most upsetting feature about budget elections in particular, is that after all the hard work the public relations committee has undergone to inform the public, someone with a profound lack of knowledge or with malice aforethought can go out on the street and in less than five minutes can have a while block astir by making a single remark that this year's budget is bigger than last year's, thus counteracting weeks and even months of diligent effort on the part of school officials and the budget committees to bring the budget down. That was demonstrated in the recent election in more than one instance, not all on the same thing, perhaps, but following the same line of thoughtlessness. Giving utterance to some unfounded rumor such as the one that each member of the rural school board is paid a salary of \$1500 per year may not seem harmful to the one making that utterance, yet it creates doubt in the minds of some as to the merits of the entire budget and causes them to vote against it whereas if they fully understood the figures and the reasons for their being there they more than likely would vote for it.

to vote on matters pertaining to taxation, to the election of proper officials, and other functions of government? There is no quarrel whatever with the people who voted against the budget at Monday's election. They at least exercised their franchise as citizens. The quarrel is with those who do not go to the polls and express their preference.

Law Abiding Policy Best

The iron hand of the law was exerted against a malefactor who sought to evade the regulations by catching more than his just share of fish. He was not even discreet about the legal size, and he doubtless thought that he was doing his fishing in such a remote spot that the "law" would not find him. In that he reckoned without the keen find him. In that he reckoned without the keen scent with which the state police are blessed, for he was caught and hailed before the justice of the was caught and hailed before the justice of he was caught and hailed before the justice of the peace who saw to it that he paid for his folly,

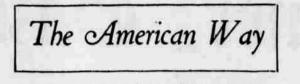
It so happens that the offender was from a neighboring county. He failed to show appreciation for the privilege of indulging in a favorite pastime and was bereft of his fishing outfit, the altogether too many fish he had caught, besides paying fines on two counts. He could have stayed is made to take them off. This within the law and returned here perhaps several creates a vicious circle in which earnings to maintain those intimes during the fishing season and would have been welcone. As it is he perhaps feels resentment towards the officials who merely perform their duties and have no desire to interfere with of the taxpayers. any sportsman's pleasure but who must protect our game resources by defending the laws.

It is difficult for some sportsmen to realize people. No one escapes the heavy that the game life is propagated and preserved for the benefit of all, not just the few. Our streams shop counter. This money gives do not have such a government the politicians power, and with now. are stocked to their capacity to provide angling for those who enjoy the sport-and their number is legion, but it is expected that each fisherman will be a good sportsman and abide by the rules. If he does not he will have to pay the penalty.

What The Country Press Is Thinking

events. Such thinking springs from the grassroots and more or less reflects the trend of thought in the editors' respective communities. From one of the news sources that reaches the editorial desk regularly is taken several paragraphs pertaining to national affairs which show that the country tical history happened to creep press is hyving its say,

The Mesabi, Minn., Daily News says: "In the conversion of electricity to do the chores of Ameri-ca, power accomplishes the work of a billion and real prove an interesting diversion. Anyway, the story is the Ward Irvine, then Governor Pierce's



A DEMOCRACY AT WORK

By George Peck

Our Federal Government con- it they are able to perpetuate ists of a grand total of 533 themselves in office. sists of a grand total of 533 people elected by popular vote (435 Representatives, 96 Senators, 1 President and 1 Vice-President). At one time here in America power was obtained by indivi-duals and groups through the organization of money. That is Into the hands of this small number of men and women, we, the American people, place the power, among other things, to tax us, to regulate us and keep not true today. Money now is just as much out of fashion as the bustle, and power come through political position. us at peace or at war. We Americans mistrusted the money power formerly vested in tens of thousands of individuals.

The fault of all governments (and ours is no excepton) is that they seek to increase their pow-Today far greater power is dele-gated to but 533 individuals. We ers. Seizing upon emergencies as pretexts (sometimes justifiable, must learn to distrust this craving for political power, for we have greater reason to be alarmsometimes not), they add bureau after bureau, and put more and ed about it than the erstwhile craving for money power. The appetite for power on the part of government is progressive more people on the public pay-roll. The worst feature of this precedure is that when the emergency (real or imaginary) has passed and there definitely no cious. The more it gets the more onger is need to continue these it wants. Those in power, already having taken over many things, demand that more enterprises b put in their hands to run. Each any necessary powers, govern-ments cling tenaciously to them. additional thing mulcted from

private ownership and taken over by government, gives gov-There is nothing strange about this—it is simply human nature asserting itself. In the first place, power. This in itself is bad politicians thrive on power, and enough, but it also is expensive in the second, those who have —it heaps additional burdens on been added to the public pay- the dwindling number of us not politicians are afraid of losing side. votes by releasing government

That government is best which employees, and those employed demanding that they be retained rules the least, keeps the number of employees on its payroll at a minimum, and pares its expenses to the bone. It naturally follows that such government, except in

-becomes more and more vora-

The money governments spend come not only from the incometimes of war, does not have to levy back-broaking taxes. We had taxpayers but from all of the that kind of government here in America for a century and a half, up to a few years ago. We hand of the government collector. He is lurking behind every

Glimpses At Highway History

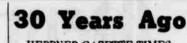
By RALPH WATSON

Oregon elected a new gover-nor in November, 1922: Walter M. Pierce, Democrat of Union County. "According to custom," But it was all right anyway, Judge Duby was a good man even though at the time I did not know him at all." the three members of the high-way commission resigned and about the same time it came to It is always interesting to read what the during March and May three him via the grapevine route new commissioners took over from Salem that the Governor the pilotage of the highway pro- was hesitating between the ap-

who wanted the job, and H. B.

Duzer of Portland. Van Duzer, Portland lumberman Maybe if a paragraph or two of heretofore unpublished poliand prominent citizen who did seem at all anxious to be not bothered with it. Somehow in at this point to break the West is somewhat naive about chronology of bonds, contracts and paving mileage, it might this phase of the story — this circumstance got circulated around over Portland in the newspaper shops and among civic leaders, resulting in an immedi-

ate and converging barrage upon the Governor's office urging Van Duzer's appointment on the one hand and upon Van Duzer to haracter and qualifications of "Judge Duby." West thought that Irvine said "Judge Derby." As it accept it, if offered, on the other served through the Pierce adhappened, Andrew Jackson Derministration as commissioner, **County Judge of Hood River** and as chairman through the four years of Governor I. L. Pat-County, was a warm personal riend, as well as a real Andrew terson's administration and into the Meier tenure, when he West finished recounting all the resigned. good points of Judge Derby, that Hood River magistrate easily Commissioner Duby had served as county judge of Baker. Commissioner Malone as county have been fitted with could man-sized halo. Irvine expressed judge of Benton County. State Highway Engineer Herbobserving that the Governor also ert Nunn also joined his three would welcome the information commissioners in resigning to accept a position as City Man-ager in the City of Santa Barbara, California, and Roy A. Klein, who recommended for appointment. "When I read a day or so later of the appointment of Judge had been assistant state highway the free enterprise field by the federal govern-ment." the



at the Ione school Wednesday when two graduates received their diplomas from the chair-man of the school board. HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES Thursday, May 20, 1920

D. W. Boitnott, superintendent of Heppner schools for the past two years, has been elected to the superintendency of the Enter-with musical numbers.

prise schools Morris Brothers, Portland bond firm, are trying to back down A son weighing seven pounds i was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gibbs in this city last week. Memorial Day program under auspices of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. will be held at the Fair pavilion Saturday. May 200 in on a contract they have with the city for the purchase of \$15,000 refunding bonds.

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the afternoon. Sam E. Van Vac-tor will be the speaker. The baseball championship of

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the Morrow County Interscholas-tic league was won by Ione at Lexington when the Egg City boys defeated the Heppner high school nine for the set this year. Score 10-4. cond time The Baccalaureate service for the members of the class of 1920, Heppner high school, will be held in the Christian church on Sunday, May 23 at 8 p.m. Mrs. W. O. Livingstone will make the address



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This brings back the thought, what do you read? Are you interested in the welfare of your any free labor. Free labor and free enterprise go children, of your school, your town, your state hand in hand. We cannot have one with out the and your nation? Do you consider it your duty other."

The Beaverton, Oregon, Enterprise thinks that "the postoffice curtailment will bring sharply home the dire effects of government reorganization and economy. For those who rise up in arms over the lossening of mail deliveries, let them Jackson Democrat, and when recognize fully that the wages of reorganization are economy, not more governmental services." While the Garner, Iowa, Leader, treating upon a subject that has long been a sore spot with the himself as very much pleased, printing industry: "It can be said without reservation that the solicitation and sale of government as the Judge had been highly stamped envelopes, with the address printed, is highly discrimnitory and an improper invasion of

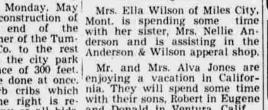
Of indebtedness, the Dearborn, Mich., Press CALL FOR BIDS ON comments: "Debts of state and local governments PARK FRONT CURBING have gone up in the last year, according to the Census Bureau, which reports that they reached to 6 o'clock p.m. Monday, May 22, 1950 for the construction of an all-time high of \$20,875,000,000 last June 30. Curbing from the end of the Tun-This looks like a large amount but it is nothing compared with \$252,000,000,000 that the federal government ewes. The total, \$273,645,000,000

The Norwich, N. Y. Chenango Union, advances this thought: "It is a basic principle of democracy that might does not make right. When that principle is disregarded by any individual or group of individuals, whether it be a labor union or an association of employers or a political party, our system of liberty and justice for all is endangered."

And the Aiken, S. C., Standard and Review views the troubles in another land in this manner: "In England . . . more and more restrictions have been placed on the freedom of the workers . . In that country men and women cannot change jobs without permission of the government and when such a condition exists there is no longer

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ner, Oregon. Sealed bids will be accepted up A-Lum Lumber Co. to the rest amounts to \$1.834 for every man, woman and child in the country." The Norwich, N.Y. Chenango Union advantage of the second secon



Mail bids to O. G. Crawford.

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Mr, and Mrs. Fred Neal. In and daughter Connie enjoyed a Ohio where they will spend the town today, announced they had sold their residence property in Ione and are moving this week near to Prosser, Wash, where

near to Prosser, Wash., where they have purchased a home. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Madden who Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles of Ione plan to leave June 1 for will move into it JJune 1.

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