

SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY; BRIEF COMMENTS ON MEASURES

Next Tuesday, June 28, will be special election day throughout the state of Oregon and in every precinct thereof, the main object being to vote on nine proposed constitutional amendments and three proposed laws. All of the proposed amendments and one of the proposed laws were submitted to the people by the last legislature and two proposed laws are referred by petition of the people.

In addition to these measures the city of Portland votes on a revised form of its charter, the city of Gresham votes on an extension of its city limits to include the Ed. Johnson tract of about 10 acres bordering on the southeast limits of the present corporate limits, and the whole county of Multnomah will vote on the new Morrison street bridge proposal, calling for a bond authorization of \$4,000,000.

The state measures, in their order by number on the ballot are given herewith, with brief explanation, comment and, in some cases, recommendation.

300-301. Repeal of Negro, Chinese and Mulatto Suffrage section of the constitution.

This is section 6, article II of the constitution. It has been in the organic law of the state since 1857, and was made invalid by the 14th amendment to the United States constitution in 1868. Certainly, let's remove this blot from our state constitution.

The legislature in 1925 called for the repeal of section 35, article I, and it was overwhelmingly voted. It is explained this additional invalid inhibition was overlooked.

302-303. Portland School District Tax Levy Amendment.

The purpose of this amendment is to make it possible for any school district, of 100,000 or more population, to include, each year, the increase in tax levy last specifically authorized by the legal voters of such district for the support, operation and maintenance of its schools, in determining the amount of taxes that may be levied.

This at present applies, and for some time would only apply, to Portland school district. The voters of the state should give Portland school district this authority which it wants and needs. By all means vote yes.

304-305. Criminal Information Amendment.

This is to provide that any person, accused of a crime, may appear before any judge of the circuit court and waive indictment for any crime or misdemeanor, and be charged in the circuit court on information filed by the district attorney.

This would in many cases obviate indictment of a criminal by the grand jury with its consequent usual long delays and expense. By all means it should be voted yes.

306-307. Legislators' Pay Amendment. The purpose of this amend-

ment is to provide something like fair pay for members of the legislature, at least enough to pay their expenses. It provides not to exceed \$10 a day for members while in session, not over \$400 for any one session, except presiding officers who will receive 50 per cent additional. Provision is made for the usual mileage.

The constitution at present provides only \$3 per day. We should be broadminded and fair enough to vote yes on this.

308-309. Voters' Registration Amendment.

Purpose, to require voters at elections, not otherwise provided for by the constitution, to be duly registered prior thereto in the manner provided by law, as a qualification to be entitled to vote at such election, and to ratify an act passed by the thirty-fourth legislative assembly purporting to carry into effect this amendment, if adopted by the people.

This would do away with "swearing in" voters on election day. It is a good thing. Vote yes.

310-311. State and County Officers Salary Amendment.

At present the constitution provides that the governor shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars. The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars. The judges of the supreme court shall each receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices; and the compensation of officers, if not fixed by this constitution, shall be provided by law.

Yet the governor receives \$7,500 a year, the secretary of state and state treasurer each receive \$5,400 a year—much in excess of the constitutional provision made in 1857. Let's get this unreasonable provision out of the constitution by voting for the following:

"The compensation of all state and county elective officers shall be provided by law, but no salary of any such officer shall be increased during the term of office for which he shall have been elected."

312-313. City and County Consolidation Amendment. It is proposed to add to article XI of the constitution a new section as follows:

Section 2-b. Any city in the state with a population of over 100,000, and which is situated wholly within one county, may, by its charter, provide for consolidation of its government with that of any or all of the other public corporations or bodies politic occupying, in whole or in part, the county in which such city is situated; and such charter may fix the boundaries of such consolidated body politic so

as to include territory without the city, which territory is within the county in which such city is situated. Such charter, when framed, shall be submitted to the electors of the city, and, by vote separately taken, to the electors of the territory proposed to be annexed to the city or consolidated body politic.

If a majority of the electors voting on such proposal in each of the several districts mentioned shall approve such charter, notice of its adoption, together with a copy thereof, shall be submitted by the council to the secretary of state prior to the next session of the legislature. The legislature shall make such provision as may be necessary for the government of territory in the county in which the city is situated, not included in the boundaries of the consolidated body politic, if any such there be. Such consolidated charter shall go into effect at the time provided by the charter, but in no case sooner than 120 days after the end of the next session of the legislature following the vote by which the charter is adopted. The provisions of section 6 of article VI, sections 15 and 16 of article VII, and section 6 of article XV of the constitution shall not apply to such consolidated body politic.

This is a very important measure and should be carefully studied. There is strong sentiment for it and against it.

It should be understood that this is only an enabling act to permit Portland to adopt a consolidation policy.

In the affirmative argument it is stated that this is an enabling act which will make possible some measure of simplification of local government for the Portland region. It provides that such simplification may be accomplished through amendment of the city charter. It provides further that any charter plan of consolidation which extends the boundaries of the city must receive the approval of a majority vote in the city itself and in the territory outside the city as a separate voting district.

Being merely an enabling act, the amendment does not include any detailed plan of consolidation. It does not determine the extent to which the six major governing bodies and the many minor governing bodies within the county may be consolidated, nor the extent of the boundaries of a consolidated body-politic, nor the particular framework of government that shall be devised, nor any particular plan of zoning of services and taxation. These and similar matters would have to be covered by the charter.

Some say there are jokers in this proposed amendment that would permit Portland, to gobble up any portion of the county whether the residents of such portion want it or not.

It is certain Portland would not try to put over anything unreasonable or unfair if it could. It would be to her disadvantage.

This writer believes that the purpose of Portland to simplify and enlarge its government is only natural. It will come about by some means as surely as that Portland is growing.

Notwithstanding all this there is

one thing that raises opposition to this bill at this time and that is that it is not definitely stated anywhere what Portland is to consolidate. If almost unlimited authority is given Portland by the constitution to adopt a consolidation program where will it end? And what will become of us, in the county outside of Portland?

It may lead to a disruption that we, at least, might regret and we might be left helpless.

Certain offices, certain departments, certain governing bodies might be combined, but consolidate the county and city government within Portland and what about any portion of the county left outside?

The whole plan and purpose is not made clear and should not be supported until it is explained more definitely.

314-315. Veterans Memorial and Armory Amendment.

This proposes to authorize any county having 200,000 or more population to issue bonds not exceeding one-fourth of 1 per cent of assessed valuation of property therein to provide a site, and for constructing, furnishing and equipping a veterans' memorial and armory building in any city having 100,000 or more population and one or more fully organized veterans' units, and one or more fully organized national guard units; and to levy annual taxes free from the 6 per cent limitation, of not exceeding one-half mill on each dollar of assessed valuation to provide for payment of such bonds with interest.

"The voters of the state are asked merely to permit Portland and Multnomah county to tax themselves," etc., says the argument.

This memorial would be very nice but isn't urgent at this time. Neither the state nor Multnomah county are able to erect memorial monuments at this time.

316-317. State Tax Limitation Amendment. Purpose: To authorize the state to levy upon property in December, 1928, an amount of tax not exceeding \$3,500,000, plus 6 per centum thereof, less the estimated collections of income taxes during 1929, and in any year thereafter not to exceed said amount with any authorized increase thereof previously levied, plus 6 per centum thereof, less estimated collections of income taxes during the ensuing year; the constitutional limitations applying both to general property and income taxes, but not to millage levies authorized by the people, nor to taxes levied for payment of bonded indebtedness, or interest thereon, nor to other revenues.

This is to clarify the present law and adjust it with reference to the income tax if that is voted, and this amendment should carry.

318-319. Income Tax Bill. This is Patterson's income tax measure. It is conceded to be somewhat better than Pierce's income tax measure which the state tried a year or two then repealed.

Will the state try this law a year or two then repeal it? This

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STRAWBERRY HARVEST EMPLOYS MANY WORKER

The cannery of the Berry Growers Packing company and the fields of the growers are scenes of great activity these days, as the harvest is about at its height. The cannery crew is hampered for want of room, and women and girls fill every available space, including the porches and the store rooms. An order is being filled for 250 barrels of No. 1 berries for a New York firm, and two representatives of the firm are here to inspect the berries as they are being barreled. A report of the present berry situation is given the growers in the following letter by D. E. Towle:

"The strawberry harvest is at its height and the quality is extra good. The only complaint we hear is that some of the berries are so large we cannot get them in the barrel. The harvest is probably half over but the tonnage is not as large as estimated and the situation is brightening as to values, which is very gratifying to the growers.

"Red raspberries are the next crop to harvest and values will not be as high as last year, and for that reason the picking price that was fixed at the May meeting is $\frac{1}{2}$ too high, and it will be necessary to lower the scale to 2c with $\frac{1}{2}$ bonus instead of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c with $\frac{1}{2}$ c bonus. This is made necessary by the tendency to lower values and if you have already engaged your help please let them know at once as it will be impossible to pay the higher rate.

"Be sure to get all crates in shape for the harvest as we do not want to have the experience we had last year. Do not hoard crates but keep them moving in and out as frequently as possible, as crates are like dollars, they are no good unless circulated and used."

NEAR EAST RELIEF WORKER HERE SUNDAY

The Sunday morning service at the Free Methodist church will be given over to W. H. Sellwood of the Near East Relief who will speak in the interest of the religious welfare of the many orphans under the care of that organization. Mr. Sellwood is a very interesting speaker who has been on the field in person and in almost every foreign country of note as a Y. M. C. A. organizer.

The regular order of the day will be observed. Sunday school will convene at 10 o'clock followed by Mr. Sellwood's address. The young people's society will have charge of the service at 7 o'clock and the pastor, the Rev. L. A. Skuzie, will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

BAIT NOW AGAINST STRAWBERRY WEEVIL

Warning was sent out last week that it was time to apply the weevil bait. Indications are that the weevils are starting to deposit eggs by this time, but if the bait has not already been applied, it should be done immediately to the strawberry and raspberry fields wherever the weevils are present.

If there are other plantings of strawberries, raspberries or loganberries near the planting to be plowed up should be baited now to prevent the migration of the weevils into the other fields. If there is a heavy migration of the weevils and they have begun depositing eggs, they will move into the other fields and have an opportunity to deposit many eggs before they take the bait.

Weevil bait is still available at the cannery and there are still many fields untreated.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES SERVICES

The services in the Baptist church will be held at the usual hours. The Bible school will meet at 9:45 and the morning church service will begin at 11 o'clock. The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 7 p. m. and the evening church service will begin at 8 o'clock. The prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is given to all who have recently moved into the community to attend these services.

Bridge Opening Celebrated.

A big picnic with free barbecue and dance will be held Saturday, June 25, at Lingle park at Wilson's corners on the Damascus road. Seven or eight community clubs of South Portland, Mt. Scott and Lents districts will furnish the barbecue and dance and the picnic is being planned to celebrate the completion of the new Ross Island bridge. The Zion Evangelical church of Gresham and the Union Parent-Teacher association will handle the concessions.

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MORRISON BRIDGE IS DECLARED OBSOLETE

The publicity being given the Morrison street bridge measure will make it one of the most prominent questions on the ballot next Tuesday and one of the most important to be thoroughly informed on in Multnomah county.

Various statements are being made by prominent citizens and engineers regarding the condition of the present structure, now 25 years old, and it is almost unanimously declared to be obsolete and entirely inadequate for present day demands. In fact, it is dangerous and will undoubtedly be condemned and closed, or require extensive and costly overhauling.

Fire Chief Lee G. Holden makes the following statement regarding the merits of the proposed measure:

"A new Morrison bridge, adequate to handle vehicular traffic as well as water traffic without unnecessary delay, is an economic necessity. From a fire protection standpoint alone, it would save the property owners of the City of Portland thousands of dollars every year.

"Statistics show that the average fire loss per minute for the whole of the United States is \$500. Naturally some fires are not nearly so much and some run into several thousand dollars per minute, but \$500 is the general average of all runs recorded. Many large fires running into the thousands of dollars were small fires that could have been minor losses if checked in time.

"The Morrison bridge is the most centrally located bridge between the central east and west side districts of Portland, therefore it is the natural route for our departments to follow. We are delayed more on the Morrison bridge than all the other bridges combined. The low type of construction requires the Morrison to open twice as often as even the Hawthorne and the average time is over four minutes. An up-to-date bridge would be required to open only about half as many times daily and then the opening time should be about two minutes. Taking the average fire loss for the United States this means a loss of from \$1000 to \$2000 to the property owner every time the department is delayed on the old Morrison bridge.

"Another thing, the natural flow of traffic over the Morrison bridge, even without interruption from river traffic, is such that a mile or more is lost by the departments having to weave back and forth in and out of the traffic lanes.

"With bridges the type of the old Morrison structure Portland requires twice as much fire equipment for ample protection as it would with adequate bridge facilities. The addition of the two bridges, Sellwood and Ross Island, double the fire protection for South Portland without the addition of a single piece of apparatus.

"When Morrison bridge was built we were using horses to pull all of our fire equipment and considered very satisfactory in those days. Any large city in the United States today, which would use a horse-drawn fire apparatus, would call for national condemnation.

However, Morrison bridge is just as antiquated as horse-drawn fire apparatus.

Architect Lucius Makes Statement. Statement of W. W. Lucius, prominent Portland architect and bridge builder in the Lewis building. Mr. Lucius is the son of Albert Lucius, nationally known Consulting Engineer of New York City and assisted his father in designing the famous Cantilever bridge over the Ohio river at Beaver, Pennsylvania, helped to contract and build millions of dollars worth of bridges for Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad company, Lake Shore and Michigan and New York Railway company, and New York, Ontario and Western Railroad company.

"If the old Morrison bridge which cost less than four hundred thousand dollars and built some 20 years ago is safe and adequate for 15 years or more, then why spend three and a half million or ten times as much to build a new Burnside bridge? Why not duplicate the old Morrison design?"

"At the time of construction of the Morrison bridge it perhaps was a wonderful bridge for the purpose then existing but today it is apparent to any one that it is a thing of the past, over-loaded beyond the wildest dreams of the designer. Loads and traffic have doubled and tripled since, and it is a wonder it has stood the abuse imposed upon it. If the new Burnside bridge has been designed for the modern loads and traffic necessary for this day and a bridge of such magnitude is required, then the old Morrison street bridge must be, by comparison, in a dangerous condition.

"It is my opinion that this old structure is standing up and functioning purely by the force of habit and the act of Providence. The approaches are dangerous, ending at railroad crossings; the width entirely inadequate and the continuous congestion of traffic all cry out 'obsolete' for modern use.

"The bridge as it is, also interferes with the improvements contemplated in the Laurgard Waterfront improvement.

"The bridge is not safe from an engineering standpoint, and no designing engineer would accept the stresses imposed on the members of the bridge, now caused by overloading, in the design of a new modern bridge today."

Portland Asks Aid in Passing Measure

Measure No. 302 on the ballot for the special election to be held June 28 is a constitutional amendment which provides that the Portland school district may be restricted in its special tax levies as is every other school district in Oregon only by what is known as the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the state constitution.

The voters of the state of Oregon in 1916 passed an amendment to the constitution of the state, which amendment provides that no tax levying body may levy a tax for one year which exceeds by more than 6 per cent the tax levy of the year previous. In 1917 it was estimated that a six-mill school levy would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Portland school district without levying the full amount permitted by the constitution. In accordance with this estimate the legislature enacted a law which limited the Portland school district to an annual six mill tax levy, which two years later was increased to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills.

For the past several years this tax levy has been inadequate to meet the growing demands of the school district. In other words, the original estimate was too low to meet the increased demands for large schools brought about by a large increase in school population, and the voters of Portland have year after year voted special taxes above those permitted by the limiting statutes.

All other taxing units in Oregon are restricted in tax levies by the 6 per cent constitutional amendment and the Portland school district is asking that its tax levies be restricted by the same general constitutional provision. This measure affects no other district in Oregon than the Portland school district.

CHERRY FLY SPRAY SHOULD BE APPLIED

It is now time to apply the spray for the cherry fruit fly which causes the worms in the cherries, says County Agent S. B. Hall. The following spray should be used:

$\frac{1}{2}$ pound arsenate of lead,
2 quarts of sirup or molasses,
10 gallons of water.

This mixture should be applied very lightly to the outside leaves of the tree. One pint is enough to put on a full sized cherry tree. It can be applied easily with a hand spray which has a very fine nozzle, or can be applied by throwing onto the tree with a broom. The object being, to have a few drops of the poison solution spread around on the leaves of the tree so the flies will feed upon it before they begin laying eggs.

This spray should be repeated in about one week in order to keep a fresh supply for the flies to feed upon. It should also be repeated if a heavy rain washes it off the leaves.

For very late cherries a third application two weeks after the first should be applied. If this spray is applied in time, and repeated, the cherry crop can be protected.

The results of the work last year were very satisfactory. Practically every one who used this formula and applied it at the right time secured almost 100 per cent results. The cherry crop this year is light.

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Coming Events

Saturday, June 25—Picnic, barbecue and dance, Lingle park at Wilson's corners on Damascus Rd.

Saturday Evening, June 25—Benefit dance Cottrell school, at barn on Bluff road one-fourth mile east of Cottrell store.

Monday, June 27—Election of Gresham Union high school director 2 to 7 p. m.

June 30—Ice cream social at home of Mrs. Lester Campbell, auspices Woman's society, Smith Memorial Presbyterian church.

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