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AUTO LICENSE RECEIPTS AMPLE TO PAY FOR BONDS

Why vote for the Road Bond Bill? Because of the great advantage to Jackson county if the bill carries at the election, in that the whole matter of the completion of the Pacific highway in Jackson county will be taken over and the hard surface road through the county will be completed by the state through the use of funds accruing from the sale of highway bonds. These bonds will be cared for entirely through the operation of the revenue measures now in force; and cannot increase the tax of any taxpayer in Oregon by the fractional part of a mill.

The sources of revenue for the state highway fund are two: The 1-4 mill general levy that we have been paying for the past four years (which remains unchanged) and the motor vehicle license fees, which have been doubled by the law now in force, but not effective till August of this year.

The following figures will show that funds from the sources referred to will liquidate both interest and principal of the proposed \$6,000,000 of 25-year bonds. The 1-4 mill levy will produce this year \$220,000.

We have in operation at this date in Oregon 40,000 motor vehicles. The average license fee is \$10, producing annually \$400,000, making a total of \$620,000.

Annual interest on \$6,000,000 at 4 percent is \$240,000. Net annual balance for payment of principal \$380,000.

This balance is available if there be no increase in the number of autos or in the wealth of the state.

By the above conservative figures net aggregate of \$380,000 for 25 years, \$9,500,000.

Total principal of bonds \$6,000,000, leaving a net surplus of \$3,500,000.

This surplus accrues from resources now in hand, showing no possibility of any increase in tax on account of the bond issue. W. H. GORE.

GATES AUTO CO. TO RECEIVE 50 FORDS

The C. E. Gates Auto Company has been making a special effort to secure enough Ford cars to fill their orders and have received a wire that 50 Fords have been allotted to and shipped to them and they are expected by June 10. C. E. Gates says they have 25 of these cars already sold and the other 25 will not last long and those contemplating purchasing should do so at once as it is impossible to tell when another shipment can be secured, owing to the war and other demands. He also says this makes 190 Fords received by them since August 1, 1917.

This is the largest shipment of autos received by any firm in the Rogue River valley and one of the largest ever received in Oregon outside of Medford.

BRAZIL UTILIZES GERMAN STEAMERS

RIO JANEIRO, June 2.—President Braz today signed a decree providing for the utilization by Brazil of the German ships in Brazilian ports. It is believed the decree will be put into effect today.

Forty-six German merchant ships were laid up in Brazilian ports early in the war. The vessels aggregate 240,779 tons, of which the largest is the Hamburg-American liner Bluecher, of 12,350 tons. Thirty-three of the vessels are of more than 4,000 tons each.

MONDAY'S BALLOT.

AS FREQUENTLY happens, the most important of the seven referendum measures submitted to the people to be voted upon at Monday's election, is the last on the ballot—that providing for a six-million dollar road bond issue. There is nothing vital about any of the other measures—the prosperity of the state is not materially affected by their acceptance or rejection—but the rejection of the road bond issue will seriously retard the development of Oregon. Upon the ballot, it read as follows:

Submitted by the Legislature.—SIX MILLION DOLLAR ROAD BOND ISSUE AND HIGHWAY BILL.—Purpose—Authorizing the State Highway Commission to raise money for building roads by next five years in an amount not exceeding six million dollars, by selling four per cent bonds of the State of Oregon, limiting the sale of such bonds to one million dollars the first year and two million dollars second year; providing method of payment of interest and principal and for retirement of such bonds; to make the surplus arising from license fees collected on motor vehicles a fund to apply thereon; and providing for the construction and maintenance of hard-surface highways, post roads and forest roads. Vote YES or NO

314 Yes
315 No

These bonds involve no additional taxation, but are an amortization of automobile licenses. Principal and interest on the bonds are paid from receipts of auto licenses, which have been doubled for the purpose. If the bonds are defeated, the auto will still pay the double license and the money be scattered among counties without a definite program of highway construction.

The system of roads outlined are of three classes, state highways, graded by counties and paved by the state, post roads, constructed jointly by state and federal government under the supervision of the state highway commission, and forest roads, constructed in or leading to national forests, constructed jointly by state and federal government under supervision of the latter. Every county in Oregon is benefited by these roads.

Jackson county is more vitally interested than any county in the state in the voting of these road bonds, because upon their success depends the completion of the Pacific highway as a paved road the entire length of the county; the construction of the Crater Lake highway from Medford to Crater lake, and the building of the Green Springs Mountain road from Ashland to Klamath Falls. This will enable the diversion of county funds from these main highways to the lateral and branch roads.

The vote for the bonds, 314 X Yes, should be unanimous in Jackson county.

The first proposal on the ballot is that authorizing ports to create limited indebtedness to encourage water transportation. It reads as follows:

Submitted by the Legislature.—AUTHORIZING PORTS TO CREATE LIMITED INDEBTEDNESS TO ENCOURAGE WATER TRANSPORTATION.—Purpose—Amending Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution by providing that municipal corporations designated ports may be empowered by statute to raise money for bonuses to aid water transportation lines between such ports and other ports and to assist in establishing water transportation on interior rivers of Oregon or on rivers between Washington and Oregon, or of Washington and Idaho reached by navigation from Oregon's rivers. Such indebtedness shall not exceed one per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the municipality and may be incurred only by majority vote therein. Vote YES or NO

300 Yes
301 No

This proposal does not directly interest interior counties, but the welfare and progress of coast and river counties depends upon it. It should receive a favorable vote. Vote 300 X Yes.

The next proposal on the ballot is the absurd Bean bill providing for the taxation of O. & C. land grant law, now federal property. This has been ordered off the ballot by the supreme court and the in, will not be voted upon. Next comes the legislators' bill to limit the number of bills and increase their pay. It reads as follows:

Submitted by the Legislature.—LIMITING NUMBER OF BILLS INTRODUCED AND INCREASING PAY OF LEGISLATORS.—Purpose—Amending Sections 18 and 20 of Article IV of the Constitution by limiting the number of bills introduced at any session by any member of the Legislature, individually or with other members, to four, and by any committee to three, also limiting the number of bills introduced by all Senate committees to thirty, and by all House committees to sixty, excepting appropriation bills introduced by the Ways and Means Committees. Also increasing the pay of members of the Legislature from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per day and the total daily pay from \$120.00 to \$300.00 for any regular session. Vote YES or NO

304 Yes
305 No

There is never any lack of candidates for the legislature under the present salary limit—and most of the legislators are in addition working members of their families on the pay roll as clerks or stenographers. The session is expensive enough and no better type of candidates would be attracted by the extra pay. There is no reason why each house cannot limit the number of bills introduced by its own rules. The only object in grouping these dissimilar proposals together is to increase the chances of the salary grab's success. Vote 305 X No.

The next measure is the "harmony amendment" and reads on the ballot as follows:

Submitted by the Legislature.—DECLARATION AGAINST IMPLIED REPEAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS BY AMENDMENTS THEREIN.—Purpose—Amending Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of Oregon, by declaring that it is the function of the Constitution to clearly define a consistent and harmonious plan of government; that to perpetuate such consistency and harmony, all constitutional amendments shall be so worded that their adoption will leave the amended Constitution without any conflicting provision; that, as the effect of any amendment upon the entire Constitution is a vital consideration in construing the amendment, no amendment shall have the effect of rendering any other part or parts of the Constitution ineffective without expressly and specifically repealing the same. Vote YES or NO

306 Yes
307 No

So-called "harmony" plans for tinkering with the constitution are always to be viewed with suspicion as concealing jokers. Oregon has got along very well without discord due to conflicting constitutional amendments, and we have a supreme court hired by the year especially to construe the constitution. The amendment is superfluous. Vote 307 X No.

Next on the ballot is the uniform tax classification amendment. Its title appears:

Submitted by the Legislature.—UNIFORM TAX CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT.—Purpose—Amending Section 23 of Article I and Section 1 of Article 18 of the Constitution by providing for uniform taxation of all property of the same class within the State, county, or district levying the tax, and classification of property for such purpose; for the adoption by law of uniform rules for assessment and taxation, and that all taxes shall be levied and collected under general laws operating uniformly throughout the State, and omitting the present requirement of equality without classification. Vote YES or NO

308 Yes
309 No
Vote 308 X Yes.

Last on the ballot is the following:

Submitted by the Legislature.—REQUIRING ELECTION CITY, TOWN AND STATE OFFICERS AT SAME TIME.—Purpose—Amending Article II of the Constitution by inserting Section 14-a to require incorporated cities and towns to hold their primary and general elections for the nomination and election of their elective officers at such times as the primary and general elections for the nomination and election of State officers are held; to provide for one election board to serve for both State and city or town elections; adjusting the terms of the present incumbents of elective city or town offices to conform thereto, and requiring the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary to carry this amendment into effect. Vote YES or NO

310 Yes
311 No

This is a matter of doubtful economy in small towns. No recommendation.

Next appears the \$400,000 new prison appropriation which reads on the ballot:

Submitted by the Legislature.—FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX LEVY FOR A NEW PENITENTIARY.—Purpose—To authorize the Board of Control to construct a new State Penitentiary by contract or otherwise and to acquire a new site or grounds therefor in the county in which the penitentiary is now located, at a total cost not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars. To enable the Board of Control to carry out the provisions of this Act, a State tax levy of one hundred thousand dollars each year for four years is authorized to be made in addition to the taxes otherwise authorized by law. Vote YES or NO

312 Yes
313 No

This was discussed in detail Friday. It is an unnecessary expenditure of public funds and entails diversion of capital and labor from more important channels during a critical time. Vote 313 X No.

NEW RENTAL SERVICE FOR YOUR BATTERIES

Motorists in this vicinity will be very much interested to hear that at last it is possible for them to have their batteries recharged or repaired and at the same time have the use of their cars.

As one of the 975 Willard service stations, O. F. Tainer, local Willard expert, is equipped to supply rental batteries for any make or model of car. He says:

"This new policy of the Willard company is interesting to motorists, for while few of them are ignorant of the fact that their battery ought to be looked into once in a while, they hated to have this done, because it would simply mean that their car would be tied up and they couldn't spare the machine, even for a short time.

"Of course rental battery service isn't by any means new, but Mr. Tainer's is, for he claims to have complete enough stock to be able to care for every make or model of car, and, besides, every rental battery is in first class condition and capable of operating the entire electrical system."

PARKS WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL

Officials of the Oregon State Motor Association have received official notification from Secretary Lane that the persistent rumors which have been current, particularly in the middle west, that the various national parks were to be closed to visitors this year by the interior department have absolutely no foundation in fact. All of the parks are to be opened at the usual time.

The secretary believes that the entrance of the United States into the war will not materially affect western tourist travel, and expressed the conviction that the national parks will be quite as well patronized this year as they have been during each of the past two years, when upward of 400,000 people visited them.

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