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Measure Recommendations

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2. Enabling Act for County Managers, Vote 302, Yes.
3. Increase State Debt for Veterans Benefit, Vote 305, No.
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8. Increasing State Tax for Public Schools, Vote 315, No.
9. Gross Income Tax for Aged, Vote 317, No.
10. Special Levy for Improvement Jackson County Farm, Vote 318, Yes.

There have been so many requests for information regarding the measures to be voted on ten days hence that we have decided to give our recommendations a few days earlier than usual this year.

Printed above are the recommendations, in the order they will appear on the ballot.
In many cases the decisions have been of the "photo-finish" variety there being a good deal to be said for both sides, but to go into the fine points of the final judgment, would, we think, merely confuse the issues and our readers so the following elucidations have been condensed to what we consider the bare essentials.

NO. 1: Security of Bank Depositors. There is no valid argument against the passage of this measure which would merely put Oregon state banks on a par with national banks, as far as stockholders' liability is concerned.
Vote 300, Yes.

NO. 2: County Enabling Act. There is also no valid argument against the passage of this measure. For it is merely an enabling act, giving counties in Oregon the legal right to vote in county manager forms of government if a majority of the voters so desire.
Vote 302, Yes.

NO. 3: Veterans Benefits. This measure would amend the state constitution and allow the state to incur an indebtedness of 25 to 30 millions for loans to returning veterans. The motive is an admirable one, and no doubt many will vote "yes" on the ground that "nothing is too good for the returning service men". But our advice is to vote "no", not involve the state for such a purpose until it is definitely known what the federal government intends to do for them, through the already passed GI bill, and other legislation. This is, we believe, essentially a federal rather than a state obligation,—the boys fought for ALL the country and all the country should join in properly aiding them financially. So—
Vote 305, No.

NO. 4: Restoration of Voting Franchise. The Mail Tribune opposed this measure when it came before the voters before, but having studied the matter more carefully, the affirmative wins now by a nose.
This too is only an enabling act, giving the legislature the legal right to modify the present law so convicted felons can vote, if after serving their sentence and returning to civil life, the proper authorities should deem them worthy of such a privilege.
This important distinction should be made clear, however. The measure would NOT give all ex-felons the right to vote; but would merely give the state legislature the right to make it legally possible for such individuals as have demonstrated by conduct and character it would be an injustice to longer deny them the franchise.
We believe the passage of the measure would correct this injustice, and the benefits of the measure would outbalance any possible injuries.
Vote 306, yes.

NO. 5: Educational Aid for Veterans. Here is a measure closely resembling No. 3 in that it is worthy in purpose, and will have a wide popular appeal.
But for approximately the same reasons, we believe it would be wise NOT to involve the state in an educational program of this sort, until Federal legislation which provides generous financial aid for similar veteran education has been thoroughly tried out and its inadequacies are definitely known, rather than assumed or surmised.
Vote 309, No.

NO. 6: Regulated Retail Sales Tax. This is by far the best sales tax ever offered in this state, with most food essentials exempted and the expenditures of revenues therefrom carefully proscribed. As has been repeatedly stated in this column we would not favor a sales tax under normal conditions, for such a tax is a heavier burden on the lower brackets,—that is those of the mere subsistence level, than is desirable. But conditions are not normal, and promise to be less so following this war than during or before it. Therefore we do favor the passage of this tax bill at this time, as the best possible method of putting the entire state tax structure on a more firm and profitable foundation,—raising the maximum amount of money at the minimum pain and expense. So—
Vote 310, Yes.

NO. 7: Regulating the Sale of Fortified Wines. Here is one of the "photo-finishes" as far as we are concerned. If the measure should pass it won't greatly disturb this department. On the other hand

all things considered we believe it wise to let our liquor control system alone for the duration at least. All in all the Oregon System is one of the most satisfactory state-control systems in the nation and to introduce any material changes in procedure now might encourage the enemies of the system, to try more radical attacks next time. Our recommendation therefore comes under the general heading of better "leave well enough alone".
Vote 313, No.

NO. 8: Increasing State Tax for Public Schools. At the last state election the people voted to divert a certain portion of the state income tax revenues to the public school system. This measure would add a maximum of about 45 cents per day per child, in schools of the state in addition to the \$2,250,000 provided by the state elementary school tax. Moreover as it provides for a constitutional amendment, it places such a tax in the organic law and ever get it out of the constitution or materially change it if later desired.
Why so fast? Better let the income tax arrangement settle and the entire school tax system become better clarified before we tamper with the constitution in this direction. Vote 315, No.

NO. 9: Gross Income Tax for Aged Benefits: This is the perennial and persistent Townsend plan in another form, only it is rather more dangerous and objectionable than previous proposals. "Impossible" is the only word for it. If passed it would not only injure the state financially, but the older people it is designed to benefit. Because of the strong emotional appeal of the Townsend plan, however, there will be strong support here in southern Oregon and throughout the state. We urge our readers in their own self-interest to mark an emphatic "no" on this measure.
Vote 317, No.

NO. 10: Special Levy for County Farm. This is purely a Jackson county measure, proposed via initiative petition by local people, and should pass. The present condition of the "County Farm and Hospital" is nothing short of a disgrace. The bill has the added virtue of calling for no bond issue with the unavoidable pyramiding of ultimate costs and only increasing the tax levy each year for three years by ONE mill. The finances of the county are in splendid condition,—the tax payers can well afford such a relatively small expense for such a needed improvement.
Vote 318, Yes.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.
Hunters vs. The Farmer
To the Editor:
Since the problem involving the sportsmen vs. the farmers has been brot up for discussion I would like to contribute what my long experience as a farmer and "hill billy" has forced me to conclude.
In October 20 Tribune, Mrs. S. Jones rather harshly criticizes John Nealon. If her judgment while hunting is as lame as her logic please excuse me from the seven acre corn field where she is hunting. In the first place lead slugs have the capability of occasionally traveling beyond the end of a gun barrel and even a seven acre corn field. The mere fact that some farmers prefer to take a chance establishments no point. I know some fool farmers whose idea of being a good fellow is to stand and let some city doid whom him in the seat of the pants with a ten gauge shotgun.
When an organization with ideals like the Boy Scouts, is guilty of some of the deeds of which he have evidence, no immediate improvement need be expected unless the public is brought to a realization that the rights and welfare of even a minority must be respected.
Things have reached a stage demanding the cooperation of law enforcement departments and one would think the Game Commission and sportsmen's associations should see enough significance to lend an ear. Because of their complacency and the political angle involved I am led to conclude that the majority of the public must be vandals. Even so my sympathy still rests with the minority group who are entitled to and should have the privilege of enjoying the recreational advantages which our country is so blessed.

I fully realize that I am a crank, much more so than Mrs. Jones makes of John Nealon. However there are others, and even tho we live well out in the sticks Newton's law of cause and effect got to us. Not a ditch on the Applegate sports a fish screen. Plenty of folks put game life in the same category as rodents and pests not only because the animals eat our crops but because the hunting of them attracts the selfish and inconsiderate whose so-called "clean sport" endangers not only our property but our very lives. We have had persons shoot from the highway into the very field where he were at work. And, believe it or not, one couple indulged in target practice from the highway with our residence for a back stop, the whistling of the bullets audible from the house. I took the car number but softened under the sap's pleading and didn't turn them in.
I trust that this incomplete presentation of this question may stimulate further consideration by some of those directly concerned in outdoor sports, and who should not be antagonistic to a better brand of sportsmen.
Bert Harr
Copper Rt., Jacksonville, Ore.
Box 77

Let's Get Together
To the editor—I'm a fairly recent newcomer to this county but would like to express an opinion.
The farmer's wife should read Mrs. Jones letter over again. I don't believe she understood it correctly. She says it isn't patriotic to pan the farmers who are doing the work of 4 or 5 people.
We are all in this war together. The farmers are doing a grand job but we townspeople work hard too. All the stores, etc., are short handed. Don't forget the butcher, the baker and

the candlestick maker, they too are working towards the day of victory.
We sold our farm so my husband could be free to go into the army. I well know what farm life is like. I work just as hard and long now without the compensation living on a farm gives. No hurry up marketing, plenty fresh foods and being your own boss. I know what I gave up. I'm not complaining, just stating facts. It takes those fortunate farmers as well as townspeople to make up a community.
I wish the paper would print an article on rationing. I understand some of the applications can be mailed in and returned by mail. If this is correct it certainly would save a lot of time spent in calling in person at the OPA office.
Let us all do a lot more thinking and less squawking. The way our boys are winning the war. All pulling together, army and navy, farmer and townspeople. We can rest and play when our boys and girls come marching home victorious.
A working wife
Mrs. D. E. S.
(Name on file)
Medford, Oct. 26.

MAJOR BONG NOW LEADING AIR ACE
With Far Eastern Air Force, Leyte, Philippines, Oct. 27—(U.P.) Major Richard I. Bong, the 23-year-old sharpshooting army flyer from Poplar, Wis., today chalked up his 31st victim five hours after arriving in the Philippines to become America's leading war ace.
Bong, who earlier this year was busy "piggy-backing" for a 45-minute demonstration of the aerial bag of tricks which up to that time had netted him 27 Nip planes, arrived at Leyte with his land-based fighters to operate from Philippines airfields.
Functioning from strips wrested from the enemy a scant week ago, the fifth air forces P-38 patrols, to one of which Bong voluntarily attached himself, returned from their first action against the enemy with an 80 per cent average—downing four of five aces.

ARMY PUTS LIMIT UPON CIG SALES
Portland, Ore., Oct. 28—(U.P.) If you've been hearing the civilian population groan about having to stand in line for cigarettes—well, the soldiers are smoking rationed tobacco, too.
At the post exchange of the Portland Port of Embarkation there is a limit of two packs to a customer each day, and even this may have to be reduced.
Maj. Clarence A. Grahm, army exchange officer for the port, said "two packages a day are allowed primarily because the soldier is not always able to buy them. The first sergeants often fail to consider a soldier's shopping requirements."
He explained the limit was placed on cigarette sales to stretch the available supply, since men under orders to embark for overseas duty still may make purchases by the carton.

ROSEBURG LABOR ASKS ALIEN BAN
Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 28—(U.P.) The Roseburg Central Labor Council of the A. F. of L. was on record today in favor of deportation of disloyal aliens and a ban on relocation on the Pacific coast of persons of Japanese ancestry.
In a resolution, the council declared that employment of Japanese labor is a "detriment to American labor and a menace to the security of the nation."
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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
October 29, 1934
(It Was Monday)
George A. Coddling issues statement for the Democratic County committee urging citizens to support New Deal and Martin for governor.
Premier Mussolini orders drastic military policy for Italy. Boys to start training at eight, and continue until 23 years old.
Japan's proposal for a new naval agreement based on equality balks naval limitation plan.
Cloudy with probable rain. High 62, low 44 degrees.
First actual work on Bonneville dam starts.
Oregon mills favor cut in price of lumber despite NRA. Ruling for increase.
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
October 29, 1924
(It Was Wednesday)
Eugene threatened by heavy floods as heavy rains continue.
Secretary of State Hughes in midwest address warns public "only few votes will destroy confidence and end prosperity."
Rain. High 57, low 37 degrees. Moisture 17 of an inch.
East side postal sub-station to be closed.
Grants Pass high defeated 27 to 0 by Medford "peeved" over local versions of game.
Big Armistice day parade is assured here, with entry of many organizations.
First snow of season falls in hills last night.
THIRTY YEARS AGO
October 29, 1910
(It Was Saturday)
Commercial club plans Jim Hill day here soon.
"Never Cuss" club organized in Portland.
Golf enthusiasts of city plan to form golf club.
ALBANY GETS BUREAU
Albany, Ore., Oct. 28—(U.P.) The U. S. Bureau of Mines station at Pullman, Wash., has been abandoned and its activities transferred to the Northwest Electro-Development laboratory in Albany, Dr. Bruce A. Rogers, director of the bureau's institution here, said today.
Closing time for Classified ads 9 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

STATE DEBT CUT, TREASURER SAYS
Salem, Ore., Oct. 28—(U.P.)—The outstanding indebtedness of Oregon and its civil subdivisions has been reduced a total of \$92,000,000, during the past 14 years, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott reported today after a survey of the state's recent fiscal history.
The debt stood at approximately \$94,000,000 on July 1, 1944, Scott said, as compared to \$185,659,475 in 1930. In addition a reduction of \$7,379,675 has been made in the gross bonded debt of the state during the past biennium, he reported. This debt now stands at \$22,097,540, or about one-third of its all time high in 1928.
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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

This week brings Hallowe'en, and the next the national election, and everybody will be glad when both are over. Neither event will help Herr Hitler, or slow down the solar system.

Indian summer is marching along, but still no frost. There is also a lack of scare-crows this year in the rural regions. They were never very efficient, and scared nothing, least of all crows.

Lt. Col. G. Jackson, the former civil cannonball, was home all week on a furlough from Italy. He still walks faster than any of his cronies can run.

The Dick Phair boy Dick contacted a can of red paint Thurs. and painted himself red instead of the town.

Several Applegate steers and a Talent district colt are listed as the victims of careful hunters.

American victories in the Pacific over the Nipponese continue to grow faster than weeds and small boys.

The unveiling of the Grey Mask at the armory Thurs. eve again came to naught, in the presence of a large congregation.

F. Luy, the Antelope-Phoenix cowhand, is back from the south, as fit as a violin.

Harvesting of the apple crop of the valley is underway. All the woe in the world was caused by Eve eating an apple, instead of voting for Hoover in 1928, as New Dealers would have the people believe.

A surplus of black cats is reported in the residential areas. Pedestrians should look out for them as well as autos of all colors.

One of the older girls has a new hat she bought in Frisco, and is afraid to wear any place but Frisco.

Rain is badly needed, the lack of which is delaying fall plowing and duck shooting.

The G. Fabrick boy Steve had a birthday Wed. and was host at an ice cream soiree for the younger set.

Maj. Elliot the war expert warns the peace-makers not to try and force democracy on the rest of the world. It is thought the rest of the world has been watching the way it works in America.

The B. Tornado crunched the "powerful" Cornado, 41-0 Fri. eve. For the first time this season, experts said the foe was stronger than their lack of touchdowns indicated. Next Fri. the men of old Medford play the "powerful" Bend team at Bend. The prognosticator of the recently mailed "powerful" (4 home) Pelicans predicted the score, Medford 7, Grants Pass 6. This is the championship guess of the week.

The G. Cleveland Corum twin boys will be four, come Wed., and are a caution.

The womenfolk have started making mincemeat for Thanks-giving pie, but due to the alleged beef shortage can't get tender beef. In rural regions the fall brewing of sauerkraut and hominy has started.

Three times in a row Oregon voters have defeated sales tax measures. The subject is up again this election, and it looks like they would again overwhelmingly defy such common-sense for a fourth time.

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