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The Campaign Ends

What a relief! For on request from New York Mr. Raymond Moley is going to occupy this editorial pulpit today. Tomorrow if anyone on this paper writes politics they will be rushed to the hoosegow. And the next day, the presidential campaign of 1944—thank the Lord—will be over!

Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Pioneer New Dealer Urges F.D.R. Defeat and Election Of Dewey

However, to return to Mr. Moley. We are glad to have the Editor of News Week close the campaign, as far as this department is concerned, for he is recognized as an expert on politics, American political administration and is an exceptionally excellent judge of public men, and their calibre and qualifications.

The presidential campaign is all over but the shouting and the counting, and the last named, in the final analysis, is more important than the casting of the ballot. A corrupt big town political boss once observed: "As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it?"

Predictions on the election results tomorrow are the order of the day. Some are off that the eminent landlubber of Washington, D. C., who forecast naval supremacy over Japan before 1900 'strained the imagination'.

Furthermore we all know the government needs money. So do the losers! Government is gambling—so does the people, and the people are the government!

Democratic moguls charge the republicans are trying to "steal the New Deal". It was a most excellent idea about ten years ago, but it's too late now.

JUST PLAIN AGOGI! (Pendleton East Oregonian) "Shades of the Old West going up Main Wednesday afternoon! Whence cometh they? No one knew nor where they were going.

It looks like it would be too wet to vote, plow or play golf tomorrow, but not to shoot ducks or go fishing.

"Wanted—Experienced saleslady with notions"—(Want ad Salem Capital Journal)—How about the prudish or radical varieties.

The campaign in this county was conducted in a ladylike manner, with everybody's blood pressure on even keel. Not a rascal showed up in the courthouse, or a colored gentleman in a woodpile. Not a tooth was gnashed, or a hair pulled. Also, not a candidate's picture adorned a phone pole.

1894 MYSTERY SOLVED "His boy, aged 16, ran away some time ago and as the old man used to thrash him occasionally the neighbors came to the conclusion he had in a fit of anger killed him. The discovery of a grave on the old man's ranch set all tongues wagging. The old man sat by the grave while the coroner and the sheriff shovelled out the dirt and when they reached the depth of five feet and unearthed the decaying remains of a Jersey cow, the old man laughed a laugh that made neither the sheriff nor the coroner smile. And then he told them he had last heard from the boy in Cheney, where they could find out all about him."—(50 Yrs. Ago col. The Dalles Chronicle).

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Recommendations On Measures

(Reprinted by request)

- 1. Security of Bank Depositors, Vote 300, Yes.
2. Enabling Act for County Managers, Vote 302, Yes.
3. Increase State Debt for Veterans Benefit, Vote 305, No.
4. Restoration of Voting Franchise, Vote 306, Yes.
5. Educational Aid for Veterans, Vote 309, No.
6. Regulated Sales Tax, Vote 310, Yes.
7. Regulating Fortified Wine, Vote 313, No.
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.

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 now in force known as G. I. "Bill of Rights," which provides generous financial aid for similar veteran education has been thoroughly tried out and its inadequacies if any, are definitely known, rather than assumed or surmised. Had this federal bill been in force when the State Legislature met this state measure undoubtedly would never have been passed. 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 desirable 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 318, 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 aid the public school system. This measure would levy about 45 cents per day per child in schools of the state, estimated to raise about \$13,000,000. Moreover, as it provides for a constitutional amendment, it places such a tax in the organic law and experience shows it would be extremely difficult to ever get it out of the constitution or materially change it if later desired when the present war boom has disappeared.

Why so fast? Better let the income tax offset which gives \$5,000,000 of tax money annually to the public schools settle and the entire school tax system become better clarified and crystallized 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 throughout the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Ellsworth Report Untrue To the editor: It has been called to my attention that a recent article published in your newspaper gave the impression that Congressman Harris Ellsworth did not appear before an official meeting of organized labor on his recent trip to southern Oregon. This impression is wrong as Congressman Ellsworth did address a meeting of organized labor on the evening of Friday, Oct. 27, and discussed openly and frankly legislative matters in which organized labor is interested.

As a member of the Jackson County Republican Central committee I received authorization from the executive board of the central labor council to extend an invitation to Congressman Ellsworth. It has been my observation that the council has always been glad to confer with representatives of all parties. I personally accompanied Congressman Ellsworth to this meeting and he received every courtesy during his conference with the labor group.

I hope that this statement will clarify a any misunderstanding that might arise from the news articles recently published. Myrtle M. Merriman, Medford, Nov. 6.

(Ed's Note: The item in question quoted Secretary Don E. Stansell, secretary of the central labor council and was published at his request.)

What is "Almost Uniformly?" To the editor: Mr. William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas, was one of the ablest Republican editors.

Mr. R. W. Ruhl, of the Medford Mail Tribune, is another one of the ablest Republican editors, (except that his paper is almost uniformly Republican at elections).

Shortly before his death, Mr. William Allen White dismissed Bricker with the remark: "Bricker is an honest Harding."

Now let's quote Mr. Dewey's own words (Mail Tribune November 2, 1944, front page): "The Democratic party is readily subject to capture and the forces of communism are, in fact, now capturing it. The communists are seizing control of the New Deal, through which they aim to

control the government of the United States. If they should succeed, the fundamental freedoms of every American would stand in gravest jeopardy."

Mr. Ruhl's editorials, Medford Mail Tribune, October 6, 1944, said: The Mail Tribune has never fallen for the "Red Menace" hokum and doesn't now. It has been used in the past, pretty generally by a gang of cheap politicians and self seeking table-thumpers, to throw up a smoke screen behind which they might attain some brief demagogic authority and pow-

er. Are Mr. Dewey and Mr. Bricker trying to play the American voters for suckers, or are they? Rawles Moore, Medford, Nov. 3.

Cloudy, probable rain. High 65, low 41 degrees.

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Chairman of Methodist Temperance declares President Coolidge will "make nation as dry as Kansas."

Worst storm of season sweeps Oregon coast.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
November 6, 1934
(It Was Tuesday)
General Martin, Democrat, probably elected governor of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Newland of this city injured in auto accident on trip to Texas improve following injuries.

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CARRIES BULLET IN BRAIN Winslow, Me.—(U.P.)—John Brooks, 28, is going around these days with a bullet in his brain. After he was shot accidentally a few weeks ago, doctors decided against removing the bullet because it did not injure any vital brain tissue. Herbert Henry Asquith was first earl of Oxford.