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"Try, Try Again"

Will the congregation please rise and join in singing:

"If you don't at first succeed, Try, try again."

"And a-gain!"

Yes, let the fight against one-man government, the perpetuation of a class dynasty and the big-city-boss-control of elections, go on—and on.

For they are all wrong, they are all undesirable, they are all un-American.

And if this country is ever to get on a firm substantial basis again—a truly DEMOCRATIC basis—they must all be destroyed.

Not by the bullet of course, but by the ballot. And after a substantial breathing spell—say a year or 18 months!—we are entirely in favor of those who believe the above doctrine, to get together again and prepare carefully for the next national election (congressional)—the bye-election of 1946.

For after all nothing is settled until it is settled RIGHT!

But Not the Sales Tax!

EXCEPT a state sales tax!

Yes, after supporting a sales tax for more elections than—well than SHOULD be necessary—the Mail Tribune has come to the conclusion that this form of taxation as far as the state of Oregon is concerned better be forgotten.

Twenty-four states in the union have sales taxes. They run all the way from New York City to Puget Sound and from San Diego to Bar Harbor, Maine. And as far as we have been able to determine, the sales tax has not only been highly successful financially, where it has been tried but generally popular. At least less than one-half-of-one-percent of the states that have adopted sales taxes have ever repealed them.

BUT good, bad or indifferent, they are NOT for Oregon. The people of this state detest the sales tax as they would the black plague—or a Jap invasion.

This sentiment is particularly strong in the State Grange and the ranks of organized labor.

And the tax is, of course, a nuisance to all and an excessive strain on the daily budget of the so-called subsistence groups.

But under unusual conditions which promise to follow this war and especially where states are struggling in the red, there is no tax that will bring them into the black as easily and quickly as the sales tax.

But never again as far as this department is concerned. We are through. The next time we are asked to support a sales tax we shall tell the interrogator to catch the next bus to Crater Lake and jump in it.

"Fine Work, Jackson!"

Aside from the sales tax, the people of Jackson County—as usual—voted with great intelligence and discrimination.

As pointed out in this department before the election the two great dangers were:

One: failing to send Messers Morse, Cordon and Ellsworth as a team to Washington.

Two: Allowing the Townsend bill to pass.

WELL the Townsend Bill was badly beaten here as it was in the rest of the state; while the best trio Southern Oregon has ever been offered to represent them in the national congress, were given record-breaking support.

More than that. If the rest of the state, especially Multnomah had voted as Jackson County voted, Oregon today would be in the Republican column instead of in the Democratic.

NOT that it would have effected the result in the slightest. With the balance of power held by three of the country's largest cities—New York, Philadelphia and Chicago—the DEFEAT of President Roosevelt, with the Solid South delivered before the votes were counted, was simply IMPOSSIBLE.

But there would have been a certain satisfaction—in the bosom of this department at least—if Oregon could have gone down in the record of 1944 as protesting AGAINST One-Man-rule instead of meekly acquiescing in it.

However, that is all water over the dam now. Sufficient unto the day is the fine job the people of Jackson County did on November 7th!

Adjustment Can Be Made

As to the Veterans state educational measure, which this paper opposed, but the people of the state have passed, no SERIOUS harm will result.

No Oregon veteran will be eligible to receive benefits from this bill if he has received them from any other similar measure.

As stated during the campaign, the G.I. bill—a similar measure passed by the government—which had not been passed when the state measure was enacted, is even more generous to the veteran, and better worked out, than the Oregon bill.

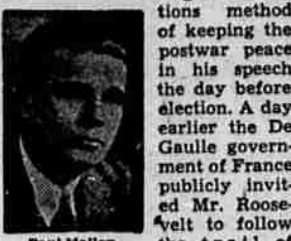
So it is safe to assume a majority of Oregon veterans will elect to be beneficiaries of the federal, rather than the state measure.

While the enactment of this bill is in the nature of an unnecessary duplication, the demands upon the people from a tax standpoint, will be slight, and the next Legislature can no doubt make the adjustments, that application of the measure will have shown, to be needed.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

New York, Nov. 9 — Stalin came through with his first strong indorsement of a new league-of-nations method of keeping the postwar peace in his speech the day before election. A day earlier the De Gaulle government of France publicly invited Mr. Roosevelt to follow the trail of Woodrow Wilson to Paris.



Paul Mallon

Shortly before that, Mr. Churchill no doubt thought he was aiding the Roosevelt cause by expecting a much longer war—eight more months maybe to defeat the nazis, two years for Japan. There is no question but what Russia (Izvestia attack on Dewey), France and Britain wanted Roosevelt and did what they could to aid his re-election at the last moment.

MOST interesting was Stalin's speech. For the first time he talked as a world statesman, with the assumed frankness of the western manner and clearly without the isolated or suspicious tone of the isolated or suspicious nation. Primarily he told what the world does not yet realize—the great growth of Russia as a nation during this war, how her industries had been built up, her varying intellectual and substrata classes and nations molded into a patriotic whole for the first time in history. Indeed, she is the only nation which has grown in the war, while Europe has been completely demoralized and even the capitalistic United States and Britain have saddled their economy with fabulous debt (Russia having no debt except the hundred millions or so she carries lightly in some talkatious bookkeeping arrangement).

HOW different, clear and simply factual his words are in comparison with the utterances dinned into our ears by those in this country who lead the minds of our people back into the past and make us believe Russia is a sensitive sort of backwoods nation which needs help, and must not be offended by anything we say or do in our own interests. Our second front pinned down 70 nazis divisions, but his front pinned down at the same time 200, he factually says. We helped materially this last war year, but for three years the reds fought alone and thus save Europe from fascism, he correctly says (remember the domestic campaign speeches you have heard).

His suggestions for the peace show equal realism and similar contrast to those of our own people who has been telling us all we need is their formula for the new league, without reservations, and peace will follow automatically forever. Stalin puts them to the shame of their shallow idealism. Differences (reservations?) he says, of course we shall have them. We already have the ones he has made—Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods, Chicago aviation. He promises only that they shall be reasonably solved eventually.

HIS wants for the peace, or those he mentioned, are belligerently exclusive. He wants permanent disarmament of Germany (does not mention Japan except quite indirectly in this respect) or a wholly new league with "the right and means" and "everything at its disposal" to act swiftly to stop aggression. Perhaps he wants both, he says there are several ways to stop future aggression and mentions

Dewey Studies Bad News



Herbert Brownell, Jr. (standing), chairman of the Republican national committee, checks early election returns with Gov. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey at the G. O. P. nominee's headquarters in New York.

thees two. Anything within that formula would presumably please him.

The thoughts I reach from the speech are these: Russia under Stalin fully realizes her great new power, is preparing to exercise it realistically in the new world. Her interest in the international organizations is as great as or greater than ours because the new setup will defend her newly acquired great power, and perpetuate the status quo of this war as the old league sought to perpetuate the wholly different status quo of the last one (Anglo-French world power then). For that reason she is evolving from her old isolationism.

Stalin is apparently no longer afraid of capitalism, else he would not go that far. He offers no important compromises with it or with western culture, except friendliness (there is no mention of God in his summation of the victory which he attributes to soviet energy). The feeling I have, however, is that he is prepared to make strong reservations to protect himself, and in the end, I cannot help but suspect that any details which gave capitalism the upper hand over his interests would be unsatisfactory to him, and of course any peace which gives him the upper hand cannot be satisfactory to us. Peace, therefore, can only be enduring if noncompetitive, politically and economically.

BUT the most important conclusion to us is that our discussion of the whole subject is not on the admirable realistic plane which Russia presents, where reasonableness and unity among us might be achieved. Our debate is still steeped in obsolete bitter history of an old league political fight, which has no accurate bearing on the present or future world conditions except as it has deceived our people as to the realistic truth of existing circumstances.

Phoenix PTA Hears Talk On Education

Phoenix Parent-Teachers association met Wednesday afternoon to hear a talk and demonstration on visual education given by Florence Allen of the SOCE training school in Ashland.

During the business session it was voted to furnish band uniforms for the school band. PTA also decided to have programs of more of a study nature with more parent participation. It was also decided to cooperate fully with the school carnival to be held at the gymnasium Nov. 17.

See Mail Tribune Want Ads.

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 November 9, 1934 (It was Friday)

Sen. Borah demands probe of relief spending by New Deal and charges "shameful waste."

Curb on beer parlors in state proposed.

President to give "fireside chat" early in December.

Portland in grip of frenzy over Oregon-O. S. C. football game to be played tomorrow.

More money needed to complete Community Chest quota.

Cloudy with rain. High 61, low 38 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY November 9, 1924 (It was Sunday)

Home-brewer to carry test case to supreme court of land.

The Misses Rosina and Frances Gallatin of Talent win first prizes as bread makers at Portland Livestock show.

Militia is called out to halt riot in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Probable rain and warmer. High 49, low 32 degrees.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader in senate passes away.

Spain is threatened with new revolutionary movement.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO November 9, 1910 (It was Wednesday)

Oswald West is elected governor of Oregon; Wilbur Jones named sheriff; democratic landslide in East; T. R. beaten for governor in New York.

Revolution threatens in Mexico.

Koozer Thanks All Workers Who Aided Republican Party

Ralph Koozer, chairman of Jackson county Republican Central Committee, stated today that, on behalf of the committee, he wished to express his thanks to those workers who so willingly gave their time to aid in the recent election campaign.

Koozer said he feels the county Republicans should be congratulated on their victory in Jackson county and for sending a strong Republican delegation to congress.

Early grapefruit from the Isle of Pines, near Cuba, has already reached the eastern markets.

MORE FREIGHT

Washington, Nov. 9.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended Nov. 4 dropped 23,113 cars to 893,333, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The latest week's figure, however, represents an increase of 138,594 cars over the corresponding 1943 period and a gain of 63,780 cars over two years ago.

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