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BALLOT TITLES CONFUSING

THE Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homesteaders' Loan Fund Amendment" is the ballot title for measure No. 306 and 307. "The Rural Credits Amendment" is the ballot title for amendment No. 318 and 319. There is danger that these titles may be confusing. The word "loan" in No. 306 and 307 may lead some voter to believe that it is "The Rural Credits Amendment." Voters should be very careful in distinguishing between these two measures on election day.

There is the widest possible difference in the effect which the adoption of these two measures would have. Amendment No. 306 and 307 is a single tax measure, and has for its purpose the confiscation of private ownership in land. Amendment No. 318 and 319 is just what its name implies: An amendment giving rural credits or cheap money to the farmers. The first amendment, No. 306 and 307 would simply ruin the state of Oregon if it were adopted. The last amendment, No. 318 and 319, will build up Oregon by giving the farmer cheap money with which to bring his farm up to a high state of improvement and cultivation.

THE REAL ISSUE

THE line of cleavage in the current campaign for the presidency comes, not over the horrors of war in general, or the personal habits of Huerta in particular, but over the record of the administration at home and abroad. The responsibility for that record rests upon the democratic party, whose control of the presidency and the congress has been complete for nearly four years. The party boasted of that responsibility in its platform and challenged criticism of that record. As the standard bearer and dominator of his party, the democratic president carries the primary responsibility for the record, and thereby confirms the estimate he placed upon his office in a book he wrote while president of Princeton and published in 1908 under the title "Constitutional Government in the United States." Of the office he now holds Mr. Wilson then remarked:

"The president is at liberty, both in law and conscience, to be as big a man as he can. . . . If he lead the nation, his party can hardly resist him. His office is anything he has the sagacity and force to make it."

Regarding the absoluteness of the president's responsibility in the realm of foreign affairs, he wrote in another chapter of the same book:

"The initiative in foreign affairs, which the president possesses without any restriction whatsoever, is virtually the power to control them absolutely. . . . We must stand always at the front of our affairs and the office will always be as big and influential as the man who occupies it."

Notwithstanding these clear commitments, neither Mr. Wilson nor his spokesmen have thus far shown any stomach for a fight in defense of the record of the administration. The harder Mr. Hughes hits the record the louder they talk about something else.

When he undertakes to hold them to "a strict accountability" for the record they seek to shirk that responsibility by changing the subject. When he condemns the administration's extravagance in the expenditure of public funds and its payment of political debts with public offices, they retort with encomiums of Mr. Wilson's diplomatic notes. When he denounces the administration's failure to uphold the honor of the flag and to protect the lives and property of those whose citizenship gave them the right to seek the shelter of the Stars and Stripes, they join in a hymn of hate against Huerta. When he excoriates the administration's raids upon the civil service under the pretense of civil service reform, they wax eloquent in condemnation of the carnage abroad.

Sooner or later, however, Mr. Wilson must stand up for the record of his administration. He dare not deny it, he cannot run away from it, and Mr. Hughes will not allow him to dodge it or sidestep it or hurdle it. Mr. Hughes is not without experience

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TEXAS CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

September 13, 1916

CENTRAL COMMITTEE:
R. BONNA RIDGWAY, FORT WORTH, CHAIRMAN
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W. POINDEXTER, CLATSKANIE, NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

TO COUNTY CHAIRMEN:

At the instance of National Committeeman Poindexter, who conferred with the National Campaign Committee while in New York a few days ago, I am writing to suggest that you have a private interview with the postmasters in your county who were appointed by the present administration, in regard to contributing to the National Democratic Campaign fund. The names and salaries of these appointees are given below.

The National Democratic Executive Committee is expecting each postmaster, or other federal appointee, to contribute to the National Campaign Fund an amount equal to 10% of one year's salary. Of course this is not compulsory, but we are advised that in the event President Wilson is re-elected there will be a permanent organization of our force throughout the country and a note will be made of the loyalty of those appointees who contributed, as well as of the disloyalty of those who refused to contribute, toward the re-election of the administration from whom they received their appointments.

The civil service law will not permit the writing of a letter to a postmaster, demanding money for campaign purposes, nor will it permit anyone to go to the postoffice and request a subscription to the campaign. But you can see the postmaster away from his place of business and make such an appeal to him as you would make to any other Democrat to contribute to the National Democratic Campaign Fund, and can advise him as to what the National Committee is expecting of him.

It is hoped that you will proceed intelligently along these lines and arrange in a legal way to solicit each Democratic postmaster, or other appointee of the present administration, to contribute to the Wilson campaign fund, all of whom should realize that the interests of President Wilson in this race are identical with their own.

Very sincerely yours,
R. Bonna Ridgway
Chairman Central Committee.

Vance McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, yesterday virtually denied the charge that the democratic organization was attempting to extort campaign funds from postmasters and other federal officials by a 10 per cent political assessment. Today he admits the charge but tries to explain it. Tomorrow he may have to explain his explanation, in view of further conclusive and confirmatory evidence which has reached the republican national committee.

When Mr. McCormick's attention was directed to the charge that the democratic campaign committee through R. Bonna Ridgway, a member of the democratic national finance committee and chairman of the democratic central committee of Texas, was attempting to hold up the postmasters of the country by collecting "contributions" of 10 per cent of their annual salaries under the threat that a record would be kept of those who proved "loyal" by contributing and of those who proved "disloyal" by refusing to contribute, Chairman McCormick said:

"These charges are the most arrant nonsense, and are absolutely untrue. They are in line with the campaign of misrepresentation that the republicans have been making from the start."

Today, having learned that copies of the "shakedown" letter were in

possession of the republicans and that fac similes were being furnished to the press, Mr. McCormick revised—practically repudiated—his denial. Today he says:

"This letter was written and mailed without the knowledge or consent of any member of the democratic campaign committee, and I have just learned of its existence."

Mr. McCormick's two conflicting denials brings the question of misrepresentation sharply to the front when compared with the accompanying letter from R. Bonna Ridgway, chairman of the democratic central committee of Fort Worth, Texas, addressed to the county chairmen of his state.

It is peculiarly interesting that it should be in the state of Texas, the home state of Postmaster General Burleson, that this particular attempt to evade the law first comes to light.

Mr. Ridgway's letter is well worth a very careful perusal. It embraces a good many points for deliberate consideration. In its opening sentence, for instance, it cites the democratic national campaign committee, of which Vance C. McCormick is chairman, as its authority for directing the course outlined by the letter. Mr. Ridgway informs his strong-arm squad that the Hon. William Poindexter, democratic national committeeman from Texas, had been in New York but a few days prior to the writ-

ing of this letter, and while there had conferred with the national campaign committee. It was evidently upon the return of Mr. Poindexter from New York to Fort Worth that he conveyed to Mr. Ridgway the instructions of the democratic national campaign committee to embark upon this course of extorting campaign funds from federal office holders. It was entirely appropriate, with the democratic scheme of things, that these orders from the democratic campaign committee should go to Mr. Ridgway, because Mr. Ridgway is not only chairman of the democratic central committee of Texas, but is also the Texas member of the finance committee of the democratic national committee.

Mr. Ridgway's letter is especially illuminating in that it shows that the national democratic campaign committee, Vance McCormick, chairman, is actually engaged in:

First, attempting to extort from each democratic postmaster or other federal appointee 10 per cent of his salary for the Wilson campaign fund;

Second, that there is to be a permanent federal force which will keep an official record and rate as "loyal" those who contribute and as "disloyal" those who do not;

Third, those who receive the letter are warned about the law, and instructed to "proceed intelligently," so as to violate the purpose of the statute and yet keep out of the penitentiary.

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United Press Service

EL PASO, Oct. 20.—Delegates to the International Irrigation congress, International Farm congress and International Soil-Products exposition, which were held here this week, were given a splendid opportunity to contrast the civilization of the 20th century which they will find in El Paso with the civilization of the 16th century which they will find in Juarez, Mexico, just across the narrow thread of the Rio Grande. On one side they will find the pulsating life which is the dominant feature of up-to-date Americanism; on the other they will find men and women live as they lived in Christ's time, in houses built of bricks made of mud and straw; using crooked sticks for plows and bundles of brush for harrows, reaping their grain with sickles and threshing it on earthen floors made of hardened mud over which herds of ponies or flocks of goats are kept in motion in order that their hard hoofs may separate the grain from the chaff. El Paso is practically the only city in the world where a traveler may pass in so short a time for a nickel, into a foreign country where language, manners, customs, mode of dress and styles in architecture are so absolutely different from the American conceptions of those details of life. Roseburg Tax is Ten Mills ROSEBURG, Oct. 20.—The Roseburg city council has fixed the annual tax levy for the next year at 10 mills, which is the same amount levied for the last year.

Fruit Crop Big

United Press Service

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 20.—It is estimated by Manager Clarke E. Virdon of the California Fruit Distributors, that the shipment of California deciduous fruits for this season will total upwards of 17,000 carloads. This would exceed last year's mark by about 300 carloads.

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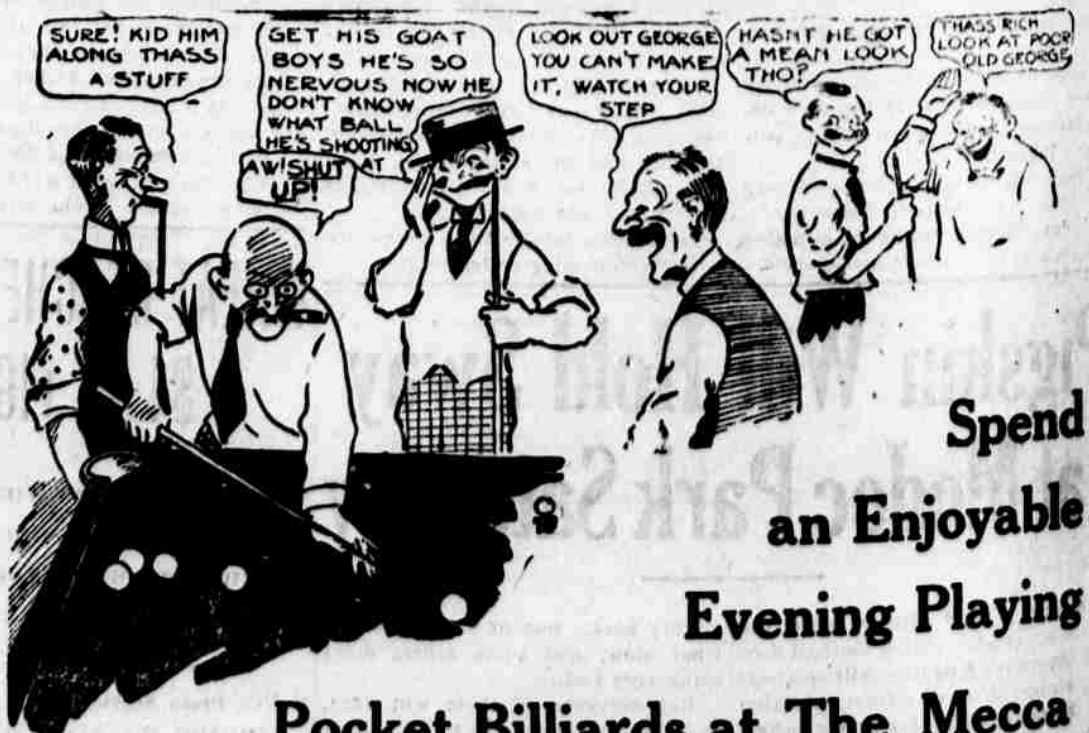
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