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THE SOLDIERS BONUS BILL

(That the readers of this paper may become thoroughly familiar with all the facts connected with the co-called Soldiers' bonus bill. The Herald will publish a series of articles by Don Belding, setting forth the various features of this measure that the people of the state will pass judgment on next month. It should be fully understood that under the loan feature of the measure, the money is simply loaned to the boys; that it is advanced only up to 75 per cent of the value of the property in which it is invested and that it will be paid back, with interest, under the amortization plan provided in the bill. A thorough understanding of the new line provisions of the bill means the removal of any serious opposition to it.)

The Soldier Bonus bill (302X Yes) on the ballot reads as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 7, or article 11 of the constitution, the credit of the state of Oregon may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to an amount not exceeding three per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state, for the purpose of creating a fund to be loaned or to be paid to residents of the state of Oregon who served in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and were honorably discharged from service, which fund shall be known as the "world war veterans state aid fund."

Bonds of the state of Oregon containing a direct promise on behalf of the state to pay the face value thereof with interest therein provided for, may be issued to an amount authorized in section 1 hereof for the purpose of creating said world war veteran's state aid fund. Said bonds shall be a direct obligation of the state and shall be in such form and shall run for such periods of time and bear such rates of interest as shall be provided for by statute. No person shall be eligible to receive money from said fund except the following:

Any male or female who was enlisted, inducted, warranted, or commissioned after June 3, 1915, and who has served honorably in active duty in the army, navy, or marine service of the United States at any time between the sixth day of April, 1917, and the eleventh day of November, 1918, and who at the time of entering into such service was a resident of the state of Oregon and who has been honorably separated or discharged from said service or has been furloughed into a reserve, shall be entitled to receive from the proceeds of such bonds as a cash bonus the sum of \$15 for each month or major fraction thereof that such person was in active service between the sixth day of April, 1917, and the eleventh day of November, 1918, not exceeding a total of \$500, or shall be entitled to borrow from said funds not to exceed \$4000, (the legislature fixed by enactment the maximum amount possible to borrow at \$3000) which loan shall be secured by a mortgage upon real estate in an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of the appraised value of said real estate, but which loan may be reduced by statute. The legislative assembly may provide that the bonus to which any deceased person would have been entitled hereunder, had he or she lived, shall be paid to any relative of such deceased person.

Section 2. There shall be levied each year, at the same time and in the same manner that other taxes are levied, a tax upon all property in the state of Oregon, not exempt from taxation, not to exceed two mills on each dollar valuation (the legislature has fixed the maximum assessment at one mill) to provide for the payment of principal and interest of the bonds authorized to be issued by this amendment. The two mills additional tax herein provided for is hereby specifically authorized and shall not be computed as a part of the revenue raised by taxation which is subject to the limitation of section 11, article 11 of the constitution of the state of Oregon, and said tax levy hereby authorized shall be in addition to all other taxes which may be levied according to law.

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Section 3. The provisions of the constitution in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed so far as they conflict herewith.

Section 4. Any act which has been passed by the legislative assembly and which purports to execute and carry into effect the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have been passed pursuant to and in accordance herewith, and is hereby ratified, adopted and confirmed the same as if enacted after the adoption of this section.

It will be noted that the legislature limited the amount which any ex-soldier can borrow to \$3000 and provided that no sum greater than one mill per each thousand of assessed valuation could be levied.

This amendment primarily intended to aid the veterans of the world war, will add greatly to the material development of the state of Oregon, for the ultimate result of this legislation will be the establishment of thousands of new farms and new homes in this state. The owners of these new farms and new homes will be the men who went from the state to serve in the army, navy and marine corps of the United States during the world war. The value of a permanent, tax-paying citizenry composed of such men is beyond estimation. Yet the cost to the state under the plan of soldier aid which has been sponsored by the American Legion will be comparatively small.

SUPREME COURT REJECTS

OREGON BAR PETITION

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The supreme court today denied the petition of the Oregon bar association that it be permitted to intervene in the Albers case.

LET'S GO OUT TO THE BEACH!



All along the California coast, from Neptune Beach to Coronado, the mermaids are swarming over the warm summer sands. Above is a group from the Los Angeles movie studio at a nearby beach resort.

THE FAT BOY AND THE HOT SUN



TAXPAYERS ARE SOLE VOTERS ON CITY MEASURE

The eleventh hour question as to the qualifications for voting on the city bonding measure on tomorrow's ballot seems to be definitely settled in an opinion secured by The Herald from City Attorney Duncan, who holds that only tax payers can vote on this measure.

The opinion applies to the city measure only, the last on the ballot. All qualified electors, regardless of property ownership, may vote on the state measures.

Police Judge Leavitt puts the same construction upon the charter provisions regarding qualification for voters on bonding measures, practically, as the city attorney.

R. C. Groesbeck, former city attorney, stated this morning in response to a query, that he had an impression that an amendment passed at the time of the Strahorn railway bond election, 1916, might still apply. It repealed the property qualification and made all qualified electors eligible to vote on city bonding.

Mr. Groesbeck was not prepared to say on short investigation, that the amendment would apply further than to the election that caused its passage, the railway bond election. City Attorney Duncan's opinion follows:

The question has arisen as to who shall have a right to vote at the special election tomorrow on the question of issuing refunding bonds to take up bonds now due for the paying of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Units in the City of Klamath Falls. It seems to me that the City Charter is plain on this matter and that we do not have to go further than that document. At section 21 of the Charter after reciting the general qualifications which entitle one to vote at a general or special election, the following language is used:

"No person shall vote at any election for the purpose of voting upon the creation of City indebtedness or the issuance of bonds of the City, unless in addition to the above requirements he shall at the time of voting, be the owner of real property, or the bona fide owner of stock of a corporation owning real property within the City, subject to taxation."

So we see that in addition to having to be a resident of the City of Klamath Falls for 60 days, and the resident of the ward in which he desires to vote, (which are all the qualifications required for voting on most questions) he must also be an owner of real property or an owner of stock in a corporation owning real property to vote on a bond election or any election which has for its purpose the creation of an indebtedness against the city.

W. M. DUNCAN,
City Attorney.

BEAR SAILS FROM PORTLAND WITH NON-UNION SAILORS

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Sheriff Lloyd Low has supplied the following polling places for tomorrow's election, and requests the election boards to be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock:

Precinct One—Pop Brown's Carpenter Shop, Center and Main.

Precinct Two—Chilcote Bldg. near old postoffice.

Precinct Three—Oldest courthouse in Klamath Falls.

Precinct Four—Nate Otterblom's printing office, 4th St., between Main and Klamath Ave.

Precinct Five—R. R. R. Garage, Klamath Ave. between 8th and 9th sts.

Precinct Six—Arcade Hotel, Main street, between 10th and 11th streets.

Precinct Seven—Jackson Bldg. across from White Pelican Hotel.

Precinct Eight—Fairview precinct, Upham St. and Worden Ave. near Tunnel.

Precinct Nine—Mills Addition, Mills Addition Hall.

Precinct Ten—Shippington.

Precinct Eleven—Pelican Bay Lumber Company, club rooms.

West Coast Mills 30 Per Cent Normal

The Weekly Lumber Review of West Coast Lumbermen's Association reports that for the week ending May 28th, one hundred and twelve mills in Western Oregon and Western Washington report production at 56,591,246 feet, which is thirty per cent below normal.

New business totaled 61,328,838 feet.

Shipments totaled 57,800,639 feet.

For delivery by rail, new business included, 1,599 cars; rail shipments, 1,711 cars. Unshipped balance in the rail trade was 3,765 cars.

Local business totaled 3,222,629 feet.

In the cargo trade, domestic orders totaled 6,577,452 feet; export, 3,558,747 feet. Coastwise and intercoastal cargo shipments totaled 474,000 feet; export shipments, 2,774,000 ft.

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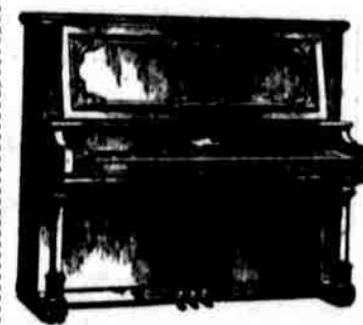
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