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Vote for This Safeguard

A MEASURE on the November ballot which deserves support and adoption is the constitutional amendment "specifying exclusive uses of gasoline and motor vehicle taxes." This is one of the matters referred to the people by the legislative assembly, and the favorable argument which appears in the Voter's Pamphlet was written by Senator Marshall Cornett of Klamath county.

This amendment makes permanent a sound principle which has been upheld in Oregon against repeated attempts to break it down. That principle is that money collected from motorists through the gasoline tax and other motor vehicle taxes shall be spent exclusively for roads and highways and closely related purposes. The amendment forbids diversion of this money for non-highway purposes.

That is the exclusive effect of the measure. It does not affect the needs of the cities adversely, for there is nothing in it that prohibits use of the motor vehicle and gas tax funds for maintenance, construction or repair of city streets, or even traffic policing of the streets. The League of Oregon Cities has endorsed it.

If you are a motorist, and pay taxes for the privilege of driving, you have every right to insist that these taxes be spent for highway purposes. This amendment protects you in that right.

Through many years, it has been necessary to fight off pressure groups which have cast longing eyes on the Oregon motor vehicle money. In the legislature several years ago, 30 bills were introduced to take money from the highway funds and use it for other purposes. Passage of this amendment would put an end to this sort of thing, and protect the highway funds for their just use in improving the facilities for motoring and related purposes.

Recently, Governor Sprague questioned the advisability of adoption of the anti-diversion measure, on the grounds that all of the state's resources might be needed in the event of an extreme emergency. We have considered this objection, and we believe the point is well covered by Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, as follows:

"If Oregon faces an emergency, any emergency, arising from war conditions or from any other cause, it will not be prevented from using highway funds—or any other state funds—to meet the emergency, even though voters adopt Constitutional Amendment 304, the Good Roads Amendment.

"This statement is emphasized because of some fallacious reports that the Amendment would 'freeze road money in case of emergencies.'

"Our state law provides a broad authorization which permits surplus funds raised for one purpose to be loaned not only to the general fund but also to other boards or departments.

"If, after the adoption of the Good Roads Amendment, surplus funds should be collected under that Amendment, the surplus could be loaned to any other fund or funds in which there would not be sufficient money to meet its obligation.

"The Good Roads Amendment does not prevent that practice. It is aimed to prevent a permanent diversion of money collected for highway purpose to other purposes. It is designed to assure that funds raised through motor vehicle taxes be not used as a source of revenue for general political or legislative purposes not related to highway improvement.

"In case of an emergency there is no doubt but what surplus funds available in any board or commission bank account could be made available to the state within a very few hours. In fact, it could be done simultaneously with a decision to this effect by the Board of Control."

After the war is over, there will be tremendous need for highway construction. We who live in the wide open spaces know the vital importance of highways to our economic welfare.

The defeat of this amendment would be a blow to the principle for which we have long fought. It would be interpreted as meaning that the people of Oregon do not want the highway funds safeguarded. The raiders would take heart, and it would be more difficult than ever to fight them off.

We strongly recommend a vote for this amendment. The number is 304 X YES.

The Baby Arrives



Washington Column

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Between noon and 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, October 13, three men were shot in Pittsburgh, the navy launched two new destroyers, the government limited car owners to five tires, and the Japs suffered a setback in New Guinea, but an event far more basic to the American way of life occurred within those 90 minutes that has not yet been recorded.

To evaluate just what happened, the clock first has to be turned back a few hours.

On the morning of that day, Senate Republican Leader McNary approached Senate Democratic Leader Barkley, pointed out that on the previous evening President Roosevelt had said that draft of 18 and 19-year-old youths would be necessary, and asked if this would come before the election. Barkley answered "No."

Later that morning, a ranking house democrat visited the office of Speaker Rayburn, put the same question to him and received the same answer—"No."

Shortly before noon, the members of the house military affairs committee, which was in session, put the identical question to Representative Andrew May, of Kentucky, committee chairman, and got an identical answer—"No."

Yet it is a matter of record that at 1:30 that afternoon, Speaker Rayburn suddenly summoned reporters to his office and, with May joining in the statement, announced that leadership had decided to start hearings on an 18-19 draft bill the following day, and pass it by Saturday.

What happened to make Rayburn and May change their minds in 90 minutes?

IRKED

If there are two men in Washington who have been irked by criticism of congress, it has been Rayburn and House Democratic Leader McCormack. What has particularly got under their

skins has been the complaint that "congress never does anything."

When the house met at noon last Tuesday, Rayburn and McCormack compared notes on the draft question. Both discovered that the other had talked to several members who were willing to face this issue before the elections.

Within the space of a few minutes they came to a decision. They would sound out members of the military affairs committee, to see if they would support a bold stroke to place congress squarely on its own feet.

Committee Chairman May was summoned and told that there was no reason to wait for a direct request on congress from President Roosevelt to lower the draft age—congress should take the initiative and take it before election day, not after it.

opportunity at his press conferences to make statements supporting such a step.

On the other hand, members of congress, both democrats and republicans, were wary of the issue, and they wore a path to the White House demanding that the president not request such legislation until the elections had been decided. As late as the Thursday preceding Mr. Roosevelt's broadcast on Monday, the president had heard a prominent congressional leader insist that the subject be left dormant for at least another month.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Roosevelt's decision to tell the nation that draft of 18 and 19-year-old boys would be necessary, came as a complete surprise to congress, and without consultation with members of that body.

FDR WANTED SENTIMENT

The feeling among congressmen that the president had thrown them a "curve" arose out of the fact that since early September the White House had blocked a letter from Secretary of War Stimson endorsing the Gurney-Wadsworth 18-19 draft bill.

This measure was introduced by two republicans—Senator Chan Gurney of South Dakota in the upper branch and Rep. James W. Wadsworth of New York in the lower house—more than a month before Mr. Roosevelt spoke.

In each case the military affairs committees of the senate and house immediately wrote the war department asking for an opinion. Stimson prepared a reply at once and it was a complete endorsement of the two companion bills.

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by Joe Marsh

DON'T ever argue with Grandma Hoskins about American history unless you know what you're talking about. Because when Grandma states a fact, it really is a fact.

The other day we got to talking about George Washington—who besides being a great general, was a public surveyor, a successful farmer, and a wise statesman.

"And he made mighty good beer, too," says Grandma.

That was news to most of us. "You can see his private recipe for beer right in the New York Public Library," Grandma Hoskins tells us. "In his own handwriting, at that."

And then she opened up on how Washington and those others who founded America believed in beer and moderation. Told us about William Penn who had his own brewery down in Pennsylvania, and Israel Putnam . . . Samuel Adams of Massachusetts and James Oglethorpe of Georgia.

"Beer," Grandma goes on, "has grown up with the country because it's a symbol of good fellowship and moderation."

Way back in 1789, she told us, James Madison stood up in the

House of Representatives and made the motion urging "the manufacture of beer in every State of the Union." And that same year Massachusetts passed an act stating that "the wholesome qualities of malt liquors wholly recommend them to general use."

From there on—until early in 1918, the brewing industry kept growing and beer and ale kept getting better and better.

Then came prohibition . . . thirteen dark years that bred vice and crime. Grandma says it taught us something though—something that George Washington and all those other early American statesmen knew all along . . . that no law ever takes the place of self-restraint and moderation.

That's why they were friends of beer and made moderation a cornerstone of American freedom. They were right about a lot of things—Washington and Adams and Penn. And from where I sit, they certainly were right about moderation, too.

Joe Marsh

BOARD 2 MEN TO LEAVE HERE FOR INDUCTION

Selective Service headquarters today announced the names of Board 2 men slated to leave Klamath Falls on the night of October 30 for Portland and induction into the army.

The men have been ordered to report to the armory at 7 o'clock on the night of the 30th.

Names of the men, with their present addresses, follow:

- Adkins, Lee Jenkins, 215
- Anderson, Philip Clark, Route 1, Box 215
- Burnett, Harry Philip, Beatty
- Bull, Walter Henry, Merrill
- Barkley, Melvin Lewis, Sprague River
- Bailey, Richard Emil, Merrill
- Buller, Claude, Chiloquin
- Baird, Harold B., Gardendale, Ala.
- Barlow, Frederick Norman, Malin
- Rakley, Donald Milton, Sprague River
- Barna, Leslie Dee, 1415 Dayton
- Bell, Leslie Edward, Celilo, Ore.
- Callen, Cecil Harold, Malin
- Cashman, William J., Merrill
- Coleman, Arthur Eugene, 214 Martin
- Cummins, Richard Wesley, Klamath Falls
- Dunsmuir, Robert Lee, Chiloquin
- Davis, Harry Frank, 1916 Westland
- Davis, George Martin, Route 2, Box 234
- Douglass, Billy George, Crockett
- Driscoll, Noel Joe, Bonanza
- Enos, Rodney Reuben, Vernonia, Ore.
- England, Clyde Thomas, Sprague River
- Edmondson, Thomas Obad, Athol, Ida.
- George, Clifford, Beatty
- Hartshorn, William, Prineville
- Hambree, Herbert Francis, Klamath Falls
- Hall, Robert Shannon, Tillamook
- Lowell, John George, Malin
- Hubbard, Austin James, Klamath Falls
- Haire, Roland Wesley, Ashland
- Wagoner, Al Henry, McLeary, Wash.
- Hill, Lonnie J., Shasta county, Calif.
- Horgan, Jerry Joseph, Merrill
- Horsley, Clyde Maxton, Bonanza
- Haley, William Hall, Ashland
- Hill, Elmont Manuel, Merrill
- Jones, Vernon, Truckee, Calif.
- Jefferson, Hamp, Bly
- Kirk, Claude William, Crescent Lake
- Krize, Frank J., Malin
- Rig, Howard Wayne, Route 1, Box 292
- Langston, Ernest Joseph, Cottage Grove
- Lacey, Thomas James, Monticello
- Mikkelsen, Henry Arnold, Route 3, Box 16
- Miler, John Andrew, Malin
- Murchinson, William Henry, Portland
- Marshall, Daniel Boone, 214 Main
- Meyer, Frank Charles, Bly
- McChargue, Roy Quinlan, Cuthbert, Ga.
- McCray, Edmund Ellsworth, Chiloquin
- McWhorter, Carl Curtis, Bly
- Overturf, James Wesley, Tillamook
- O'Connor, Patrick Joseph, Yamasa
- Pompey, Lindsey Lee, Chiloquin
- Pough, Irwin Herbert, Sprague River
- Parish, Thurman Leon, Sprague River
- Peel, Lee Ervin, Hillsboro
- Parka, Dean Edward, Sprague River
- Rosa, Herbert Charles, Fort Klamath
- Reed, Eugene Harry, Medford
- Reed, Clarence Harry, Medford
- Ranetta, Robert David, Andrews, Ore.
- Russell, Sheldon Harold, 2245 River
- Sherman, Lloyd Warren, Ophir, Ore.
- Sullivan, Bertrand Grattafack, Reno
- Schroeder, Clarence Walter, Merrill
- Simmons, Robert, Chiloquin
- Sanson, Lloyd Emerson, 1107 Ward
- Smith, A. T., Merrill
- Street, Charles Francis, Malin
- Snider, Lee George, Gilead
- Snider, Lester John, Gilead
- Stougan, Glen Wilfred, 2219 Elm
- Shaw, Emmett Clyde, Bly
- Williams, Walter, 1343 South Sixth
- Walt, Leonard Clyde, Meacie Point
- Woolfolk, William, Grants Pass
- Wagner, Melvin Monroe, Central Point, Ore.
- Webber, George Merle, 454 South Sixth

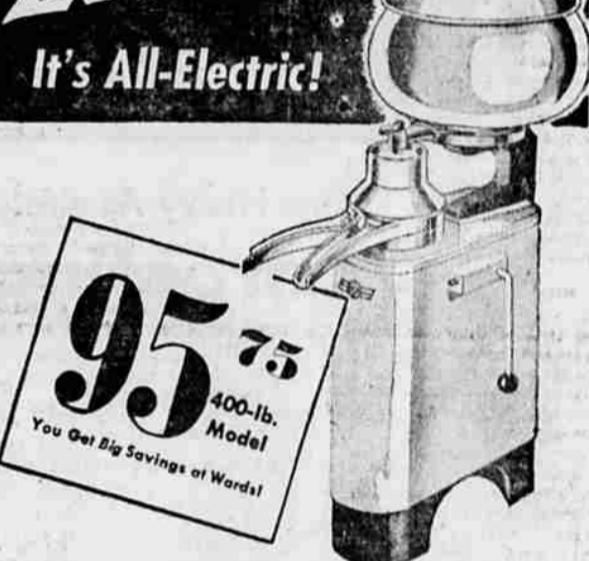
SIDE GLANCES



"Huh! A new explanation! But there's a storm outside and little likelihood of there being any planes to spot!"

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"clear" recommendations on legislation with the budget bureau, which is another way of saying the White House.

Why Stimson's letter was held up is still not definitely known to members of congress but their best guess is that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to complete his secret 8900-mile inspection tour of the nation and obtain his own sentiment on the draft question before directly raising the issue.

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MONTGOMERY WARD

May Robson, Screen Veteran, Dies At Age of 78

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Oct. 20 (AP)—May Robson, 78, veteran Australian-born stage and screen character actress, died at her home today.

Despite failing health and eyesight, she had been active in moving pictures until less than a year ago.

At her bedside when she died were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gore, and her secretary-companion, Lillian Harmer, who had been with her constantly since 1910.

To Spokane—Mrs. John Burns and son Michael, and Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Walter A. Palmer, left by motor early Tuesday morning for Spokane. Mrs. Palmer will return here. Mrs. Burns, the former Neva Palmer, had recently come to Klamath Falls from Lubbock, Tex.

An average tire contains as much rubber as 55 goggles of the type used by the army air corps.

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To Check Lake—E. W. Tichenor, sergeant of state police, and Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon, will drive to Lake of the Woods next week to resume their search for Roy and Roland Taylor, brothers, who are thought to have lost their lives last Tuesday in the lake waters. Tichenor said the government surveying party has been asked to keep a lookout for the two men who disappeared Tuesday night when they left the resort dock on a hunting trip.

Called to Duty—Dr. Carl V. Reichman, who has practiced medicine at the Klamath Medical clinic for the past three years, has been called to active duty as lieutenant (j. g.), U. S. navy medical corps. Dr. Reichman and his family will leave Tuesday for a vacation of several days before Dr. Reichman reports at the naval hospital, Bremerton, Wash., on October 26.

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