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RAY D. FISHER, Editor and Publisher

THREE MEASURES TO VOTE DOWN

Three initiative and referendum measures to be voted upon this election instead of the sheetful that usually baffles the voters—that is a relief. How to vote on the three may be perplexing enough, though.

Two of them, at least, have praiseworthy motives. The grange power bill seeks to prevent private corporations from monopolizing choice water power sites without reference to the interests of the public, and also to make possible the wider distribution of electric power at lower rates. The tax limitation amendment aims to reduce the tax on real property, which now bears an unjust share of the tax load, and to force economy in public expenditures.

Despite certain redeemable features

it seems to this newspaper, however, that all three should be voted down. The grange bill gives extensive powers to a commission of three who are subject to no check except that they cannot sell bonds without approval by the people. They can acquire or lease any private light and power plants, exempting them from all taxes, sell the plants at any price they see fit, determine costs and charges based on the costs to suit themselves, and in general have complete authority to spend the public's money and charge the bill to the public. If three prudent and efficient business men happen to be elected, all would probably go well and the plan might accomplish what is hoped for it. But what if mere politicians, without business experience or talent, are the ones to land the jobs?

The tax limitation amendment forces drastic reductions in the tax on real property but offers no substitute. In effect it tells the state, counties, cities and school districts to go ahead and function in the blissful confidence that the legislature, which has repeatedly failed to devise any new system of taxation that will withstand the test of approval by the voters, will get a happy inspiration and come to the rescue. The tax limitation amendment tears down without even a pretext of building up.

The healing arts amendment, by allowing the licensing of all sorts of would-be "healers," does not give the public adequate protection against quacks and medical fakers.

kerson will be supported by both republicans and democrats alike in Columbia county.

I know those acquainted with the sterling qualifications of our beloved former instructor will along with his hundreds of former pupils now of voting age say, "I regret having only one vote to cast for Mr. Wilkerson."

TWO BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES TO GIVE PARTY

The men's and women's classes of the Christian church Bible school are to give a Halloween and hard times party tonight in the Odd Fellow hall, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Van Arnam lost their son John, age 6, who died in Salem Monday afternoon. They left that afternoon for Salem. Services were conducted there.

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For

County Judge

41 X J. B. Wilkerson

While I have not boasted of my qualifications and of what I could and would do, if elected county judge, the county will not lose by making a change at the November election. The business connected with the office will proceed in a normal way and every worthy project already begun will have my support.

I have never in my life betrayed a trust placed upon me, and if I am elected county judge, I will not fail those who support me.

J. B. WILKERSON

Not True

There is a report being circulated in the community to the effect that if I am elected county judge, I will support a certain man for local road supervisor. The question has not been discussed between us and I have not made a promise to any one about such a position or any other. I feel sure the voters will believe me.

J. B. WILKERSON

—(Paid Adv.)

Address for J. B. Wilkerson Given by Girl

Mary Ann Childs Speaks in Joy Theatre

At the close of the program at the Joy theatre Saturday night a short program in the interest of the candidacy of J. B. Wilkerson as county judge was given. Mary Ann Childs, graduate of the local high school and a former student of Mr. Wilkerson, gave the following address:

Being somewhat of a political nature my brief address is rather unique in as much as I am still too young to vote.

It is probable that few young girls like myself find themselves wishing to be older for the sole purpose to vote, as I would like to election day, November 6, for my former principal of high school, J. B. Wilkerson.

Since a small child I have known this gentleman who to his many hundreds of pupils gave his sympathetic support, willing always to assist, showing no partiality.

Vigorous and fearless, I believe he would make Columbia county as outstanding a county judge as our wonderful district has ever enjoyed. He would, I know, unqualifiedly pledge his earnest effort to solve such problems which

daily are confronted by our county court. Rigid economy in expense of county administration would be practiced, as in his work for schools of Columbia county in past years, and who can deny that Vernonia high school or other schools supervised by Mr. Wilkerson were conducted in anything but an efficient and standard, economical manner?

Although we would regret to lose him as a resident he would immediately following his election as county judge move his residence to the county seat, St. Helens, where he would devote the greater part of his time to the welfare of this county.

I am not endorsing Mr. Wilkerson as a lone student, it is the opinion of every student I have contacted, students in every section of this county, and children are seldom fooled when it comes to judging the character of people.

Again I find it most unusual that former students should so enthusiastically rally to the standard of a former instructor, a candidate for office and here I am sure hundreds like myself cannot be wrong to urge the election of J. B. Wilkerson for county judge November 6.

Vernonia's four precincts should rally 100 per cent to this fine man's support. Let's get others to turn out at the polls, so that of the 1095 registered voters registered in these four districts we may have a vote of not 50 per cent as in past years but

from 75 to 90 per cent. It can be done if we would cooperate.

Regardless of your political affiliations the man or candidate is what counts which naturally in this case means that J. B. Wil-

A Statement

At the request of many of my friends who have urged me to be a candidate for re-election of Mayor of Vernonia I have consented to run. At their suggestion I am making the following statement regarding the city expenses in 1931 and 1933. These figures were compiled by certified public accountants.

BEN S. OWENS

	Dec. 31, 1931	Dec. 31, 1933
Annual Payroll for city employees	\$5,670.41	\$ 3,025.00
Bonds retired through purchase from sinking fund moneys; all purchases prior to Dec. 31, 1931 — par value	4,500.00	
Paid by city	4,470.78	
SAVING TO CITY	29.22	
Purchases from Dec. 31, 1931 to Dec. 31, 1933:		
Water Bonds, par value		\$14,500.00
Sewer Bonds, par value		20,000.00
General Obligation Bonds par val.		1,000.00
Bancroft District Bonds, par val.		8,500.00
TOTAL PAR VALUE OF BONDS, Purchased from Dec. 31, 1931, to to Dec. 31, 1933		\$44,000.00
ACTUAL COST TO CITY of Bonds Purchased between Dec. 31, 1931, and Dec. 31, 1933		24,011.96
SAVING TO CITY ON BONDS Purchased between Dec. 31, 1931, and Dec. 31, 1933		\$19,988.04
Total Par Value of Bond Coupons bought between Dec. 31, 1931 and Dec. 31, 1933		2,995.40

BEN S. OWENS,
 Mayor, City of Vernonia

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