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HELP THE BLIND

"Close your eyes and imagine you will never be able to see again. Then imagine yourself destitute and in need of food and clothing. You then may realize what it means to be blind and why the blind of Oregon are asking the voters of the state to approve the bill at the State election May 21st, providing for the establishment of a state institution where the blind may be taught trades and arts which will enable them to become self supporting."

The bill as submitted to the voters by the Legislature has been endorsed by organizations throughout the state and active campaigns are being waged by these organizations, feeling that such an institution should have been established years ago. The measure calls for a levy of one sixth of one mill next year to establish the institution and one twenty-fifth of one mill each year thereafter for its maintenance. At the blind headquarters in Portland endorsements are being received from everywhere in the state from granges, commercial and business institutions, schools, churches, organizations, labor unions, etc. The measure has been given the numbers 316x Yes and 317x No on the ballot. The committees are urging a Yes vote on the measure.

NO TAX INCREASE

No direct property tax whatever is required for the state highway bonds to be issued under the constitutional amendment to be voted upon at the election May 21. The measure is for increasing the state road bond limit from 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of property within the state, thus making it possible to issue sufficient bonds to complete the main state highways.

Principal and interest for these bonds are financed entirely by the auto license fees and gasoline tax, without any necessity for increasing either the license fee or the tax above the rates now being paid. At present rates, figuring only on a small increase in the number of autos for the next few years, the revenue from these sources will not only take care of interest and principal of all bonds that can be issued under the 4 per cent limit, but will leave an annual surplus to be expended for other state highway purposes. No direct tax on property is required, and no in-

crease either in auto license fees or gas tax.

A tabulation, showing these revenues and the payments on interest and principal, has been issued officially by the state legislative committee and published in the official state pamphlet now being mailed to all registered voters.

MEASURE IS ENDORSED

Down to April 28, about thirty commercial clubs had endorsed the 1.25 mill measure for the protection of higher education in Oregon, not including a large number of groups of business men, Kiwanis clubs, community clubs, and civic clubs. Among the commercial clubs giving formal endorsements are those of Hillsboro, Grants Pass, Salem, North Bend, Pendleton, Dalls, Marshfield, Enterprise, Cottage Grove, Medford, Vshland, Bend, The Dalles, Albany, Baker County, Redmond, and the federated community clubs of Marion County.

The Picture Show.

And many tongues are wagging—some say it is the church members on the one side and the non members on the other.

This is not necessarily true, but this one fact can not be set aside,—that all we know of the good, all we know about clean living, or the much talked of moral standards, did come to us either directly or indirectly from and through the church, and from no other source.

And altho it may now and has in the past made mistakes, can any one point to an institution whose judgement is safer in matters of moral and material well being of the community.

And when men and women who have followed close to the churches teachings, put their stamp of approval or disapproval on any conduct it should have the consideration if the people as a whole,—do we realize that the plea of the church is wholly unselfish, that in its demands or its dealings it is altruistic fundamentally? If it says a thing is right, does it get any railroad stock and subsequent dividends for so saying; or does any one believe that good men and women expect large worldly returns when they plead with people to set aside Sunday for worship instead of idle amusement?

To right minded people right is right, because they know all men are blessed in following right,—and they cry out against wrong because wrong action results in unhappiness.

SAID A WAG TO ME—well the church is the one great institution that has brought us up to our present high standard of civilization seems she has gotten things to going pretty well. Why bother herself further?—she should not, if this high class civilization is a perpetual motion machine, that henceforth will need no repairs, feeding or oiling—but,—if on the other hand it is not a machine—if it is a great intelligence that needs food, and guidance, perhaps the church had better stay on the job a bit longer.

But as for me—says said wag—I would go my way—pleasure and amusement is the order of the day and if I satisfy my appetites, spend my substance while I may, whose business is it? I have no boys or girls to train, I only want to enjoy.—The theatre and dance satisfy me, and I am living for me.—I care not for your so called spiritual and moral development. If I did, I would be active in the church. For there and then only are such things the chief issue.

Oh yes,—when I mrrry, I somehow

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feel that the knot is better tied if there is a preacher—The preacher—and—On yes—I believe a bit in the after life—so please, mister preacher, have 'em drag me through the church feet first just before they put me under the clouds.

Yes Mr. Wag you would have the church stick around and eke out an existence while you think of nought but pleasure, but somehow you feel that you can't get by without the church's preacher to tie your matrimonial knot and to shove your feet first through the pearly gates and the wag signs his name

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STATE ROADS

Vote 302 X Yes

For 4% State Road Bond Limit

BALLOT TITLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

302 X Yes

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly. **LIMITATION OF FOUR PER CENT STATE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS.**—Purpose: To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit the creation of debts and liabilities including previous debts and liabilities for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.

303 No

NO PROPERTY TAX—NO DIRECT TAX NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX

Keep these three facts in mind. The present auto license fees and gasoline tax will pay both the principal and interest on all the bonds under this amendment, and will yield an annual surplus besides for other state highway work. No additional taxation of any kind.

FEDERAL FUNDS MUST BE MATCHED

Oregon must have sufficient Highway Funds to match Federal apportionments or Oregon cannot get the benefit of Federal money for Oregon Roads. Increasing this constitutional limit is a necessity. Unless limit is increased, either state roads cannot be completed for many, many years, or must be financed by direct property taxation. This measure averts direct property tax for state highways and makes early completion possible. Let's get the roads built now.

Income from Present Sources Sufficient to Pay Principal and Interest.

The fact that revenue from auto license fees and gasoline tax, without increase of present rates, will be ample to pay both principal and interest on these bonds, is clearly set forth by official figures in the State Pamphlet, mailed to every registered voter. Refer to State Pamphlet for verification. Examine the table carefully. It proves that no property tax is required and that present rates for auto license fees and gas tax will redeem principal and interest and yield surplus besides.

For Interest Tables, Pamphlets or further information, write to OREGON ROADS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION W. L. THOMPSON, President, 245 King St., Portland C. C. CLIPMAN, Chairman Executive Committee, R. I. Auld Campaign Headquarters, 211 Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon

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