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VOTE NEXT FRIDAY

Oregon voters will have at least two important issues to decide on Friday at the special election, so they should plan a trip to the polls in spite of the heat and work of the good, old summertime.

Whether or not this state will join the ranks of those favoring repeal of the 18th amendment will be decided by the election of the delegates to a convention which will reject or ratify the constitutional amendment removing the prohibition amendment from the federal constitution.

So far as Malheur county is concerned, the dries have made a fight while those who favor repeal have said little. They no doubt believe that public opinion supports repeal for the reason that prohibition seems ineffective and impossible of enforcement. Those who favor repeal because

they favor any greater intemperance are in the minority, we believe. Undoubtedly, we will soon see just what effect repeal will actually have as state after state is favoring repeal.

To vote for repeal Friday, vote 300 x yes, "favoring the amendment repealing the 18th amendment." To vote against repeal, vote 301 x no. Repeal delegates are C. L. McCoy and J. R. Blackaby, dry delegates who favor retention, P. M. Boals and D. C. Deming. There is also a state repeal measure on the ballot.

Next in interest on the ballot is the sales tax. The Journal opposes it on the ground that it will relieve the rich and burden the poor. The smaller the income the more the sales tax will hurt. Vote 313 x no.

REGULATING CROPS

The new industrial control bill will bring into being a new relationship in which the government will seek to eliminate uneconomic business practices and legislation that are harmful to the country.

It is not so generally realized that the new farm bill embraces a similar relationship between the farmer and the government. Under it, acreage is to be retired from use; there is to be more rigid control over prices, and great effort will be given to equalizing production and consumption. In this work, the farmers' cooperatives will be of tremendous importance. They are the logical organizations through which this type of regulation may be effected. They are immune both to political considerations and to minority prejudice. They represent the farmers of their areas. Their very existence depends on benefitting both the farmer and the public.

It is significant that in preparing the farm bill, as well as other legislation which had a bearing on agriculture, cooperative executives have been widely consulted by high government officials. The new farm bill, like the old one, takes notice of the cooperative idea, and is designed to further it. The cooperatives have had a fine record in the past—it looks now as if they were just on the verge of their greatest period of achievement.

BEEES AND BEAUTY

Searching about for something to write about, we read that Dr. Frank E. Lutz of the American Museum of Natural History conducted experiments several years ago which proved that bees surpass humans when it comes to seeing and distinguishing colors; that where the spectrum ends for men colors still unfold themselves to bees.

He has discovered that a whole world of dazzling colors, quite unseen to humans, is disclosed to bees—and probably to other insects. This is the picture he draws, "the busy bee moves in a world of beauty we cannot see or even imagine, a world glittering with colors invisible to us."

May it not be, in the case of human beings, that our absorption in material cares and wants closes our vision to many "worlds of beauty?" Wordsworth hinted at this when he wrote:

A yellow primrose was to him,
A primrose by a river's brim,
And it was nothing more.

Wonders lie all about us, at all seasons of the year, if we but open our eyes to see. It is a world of loveliness created for mankind's use and enjoyment.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS BY CLARK WOOD

Ere the bargain times go by, go buy!

War in Europe is again prophesied, but Uncle Sam has learned to be careful about what he hands across the sea.

Lucky it doesn't make the weather hotter to fire the weather men.

Expenditure of more than three billions on public works will have been fully justified if and when the public works.

As to the war debt muddle, it's default of France.

Max Schmeling announces that he's going home to get married, thus indicating that he's still unafraid of a scrap.

One feels assured that Franklin D. is discreet enough to apply his broad dictatorial powers to his country's domestic affairs rather than his own.

Voice of the Press

SALES TAX UNNECESSARY

Letters coming to The Journal from various parts of Oregon complain that writers cannot understand the sales tax law and ask for the measure to be explained. It is perfectly apparent that peculiarly worded sentences in the bill were put in for the purpose of fooling voters if not, why all these complaints from citizens that they do not understand the measure?

Answering these inquiries, there is a high authority on the subject of the sales tax. This high authority is the state treasurer of Oregon. He is the custodian of the state funds. He receives the tax money He disburses it. Who could be better informed on the public funds of Oregon than the state treasurer? Of the sales tax, Treasurer Holman says:

The increased income tax to take effect in 1934 will help EASE THE TAX BURDEN ON PROPERTY. It is estimated that if anticipated revenues materialize the general fund of the state SHOULD BE PRACTICALLY ON A CASH BASIS BY THE END OF 1934. I SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR A SALES TAX OR ANY SUCH TAX AS IS PROPOSED.

What higher authority? What more dependable opinion on whether a sales tax is needed? Who is better informed on public finances than the state treasurer, who receives and disburses all state taxes?

He says Oregon doesn't need a sales tax.—Oregon Journal.

OILED COW PASTURES?

Nyssa, July 13. —(To the Journal)—If you drive from Nyssa to Adrian you might well wonder why we have automobile laws and no cow laws. It is a common occurrence for cows to pasture along the public highway and they may dash from a borrow pit or from the weeds at any moment.

You must slam on your brakes for the cow is not required to have any. She has the right of way. She is still more dangerous at night for she wears no tail or head lights while your lights are permitted to shine only a short distance ahead of you.

A sign should be placed on the highway: drive slow, cows grazing. Break the Oregon motor light law or break your neck.

Highways cost thousands of dollars but some of them are still cow pastures. Even the grass along the road isn't enough. Roaming stock get tired of grass and eat the leaves of the few trees that beautify the road. Can steps be taken to enforce the Oregon herd law? —A NYSSA RANCHER.

IRONSIDE VISITOR FROM CALIFORNIA

Ironsides—Wayne Lawrence of Santa Maria, Cal., is helping with the haying on the El Rose ranch. He is also visiting relatives.

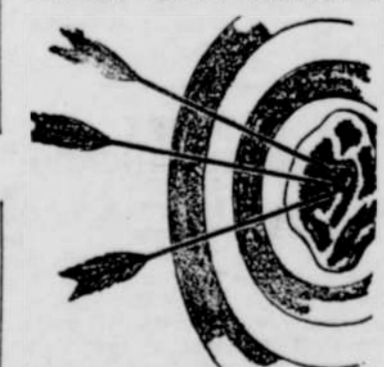
Quint Lawrence and wife of Unity spent the week end with their daughter Mrs. S. Rose.

Chas. Perkins left for Nevada recently after spending the past six months with his daughter Mrs. Fred Laurance.

Mrs. Lizzie Whitmore of Unity is visiting her sister Mrs H. C. Elms.

Mrs. Hazel Duncan gave a birthday party Friday in honor of her brother Raymond Duncan and cousin Donald Oaks. Miss Norma White helped entertain the youngsters.

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