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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



WHY NOT PLAY SQUARE POLITICS

Why can't the Portland Journal play a square game in politics? Why not lay the cards on the table and tell the voters the whole truth, instead of camouflaging the points the voters should know, in considering the proposed delinquent tax bill amendment.

Last Sunday the Journal devoted considerable editorial space in discussing the proposed law. The sum and substance of the Journal's war, was a hint that the Oregon press will not discuss the bill on its merits.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The press of Oregon has been discussing the bill on its merits for several weeks, and all the while Editor Jackson, the millionaire proprietor of the Journal, who fathers the proposed amendments, has cleverly covered up the most important feature of the present bill.

Has the reader ever seen it mentioned in the Journal columns that the present delinquent tax publication law provides for printing the delinquent list only after personal notice has been sent out to the taxpayer? This is the fact, and yet the ordinary, sane and in fact, the only inference that can be drawn from the Journal's editorials is that the great Sam Jackson has devised a law to do away with publication of delinquent lists and substitute instead a wonderfully efficient plan of personal notification by mail. He would have the voters believe that there is no mail notice provided at present.

Let the present delinquent bill alone. It is the fairest piece of legislation of its kind of any state in the union. Why? Because it provides for a mailed notice to be sent out, and as a precautionary measure, it provides that where mail notice is ineffective, then and then only, may publication be made.

The tax collector's books are filled with mistaken addresses, people are continually moving and changing about. The publication in the home paper will always reach them, either directly or through friend, relative or neighbor.

The bill was passed by our legislature to protect the unfortunate delinquent property owner from the title grabber and others of his stripe. Cut out the publication proviso and you let down the bars for the title grabber and slyster to "pick up" some easy money—and you foot the bill.

The publication is not a publi-

charge or public expense. The Journal's "economy" dirge is pathetically funny, all things considered. The county does not pay out one red cent for delinquent's publication. The man who permits his taxes to go by default alone must pay the bill. The county has nothing to do with the matter.

These are the things you never see in the Journal editorial columns. Who is discussing the tax bill on its merits—Millionaire Jackson or the country editor? Who is playing the square game?

Show your contempt for such a system of poisoned propaganda by voting "NO" on every bill that bears the Jackson trademark.

PIERCE'S PATRIOTISM

Walter Pierce, democratic candidate for governor, is fervent in his praise of his own patriotism. He willingly tells of how much wheat he raises for the soldier boys in France and of the large amount he has invested in Liberty bonds, but he refrains from saying that he had drawn more than \$400 of government money for his services as a member of the draft board in his county. The Mist has no fault to find with Pierce for raising much wheat and selling it at \$2.20 per bushel, and he was wise to invest a portion of the immense amount he received for his large wheat crop in the best and safest securities known, Liberty Bonds. The mere fact that he has raised wheat for which he received a big price and bought Liberty Bonds with a portion of the money, does not, however, indicate that he is any more patriotic than the shipyard worker who has invested a portion of his earnings in Liberty Bonds. The fact, however, that Mr. Pierce DID CHARGE THE GOVERNMENT FOR WORK ON THE DRAFT BOARD when he is known to be a wealthy man and did not need the money, does not indicate that he is as patriotic as some who do not go around shouting as to their patriotism. Evidently Pierce has read the bible story which refers to a certain man hiding his light under a bushel measure. The collection of the "draft board money" is one of the lights which wasn't intended to be shown.

NOT NECESSARY

The Mist cannot agree with President Wilson that it is necessary to send to Congress democrats in order that the war program is carried out according to the administration's wishes. The slogan of the Republican party, and especially those republicans in Congress, has been "win the war," "back up the president" and they have done it.

The war is waged for democracy, not democrats. The army is composed of citizens of the United States and when fighting the boches, politics are forgotten. The army is in France and Belgium to accomplish one thing—the defeat of Germany, which means the salvation of the world. This task is not the task of only democrats, it is a task of all liberty loving people.

The people of the United States have been squarely behind the president in the war work. He has not been considered as our democratic president, but as OUR president. He made a mistake when he injected partisan politics into country wide patriotism.

Vote "NO" on Jackson's camouflage bills. He has an ax to grind. Don't grind it for him.

HOME SAVED BY ADVERTISEMENT

Portland, Oct. 26—(To the Editor.)—Recommendation by the Chamber of Commerce upon the questions submitted to the voters for decision at the November election seems to me wise and timely. Personally, the writer has not had time to give the study that some of these questions should receive, but personal experience has enabled me to speak positively upon at least one.

Through the publication of the delinquent tax notice I was apprised of the danger of having my old family home in Oregon City sold for taxes. The agent for the property, who looked after it for me, through an oversight, failed to pay the taxes. When advertised a friend saw the advertisement, and knowing that I was in the east at the time, took the trouble to ascertain my address and wrote promptly and in time to prevent the sale of the property. In this instance the owner of the property felt secure in having performed all of the duties of a good citizen, supposed the taxes had been paid, and would have been put to considerable expense and annoyance but for the advertisement of delinquency.

The present law seems effective in its operation, in this instance for the benefit of the property owner who was delinquent. Firmly believing in the maxim, coined by Woodrow Wilson, that "the white light of pitiless publicity" is one of the cures for public ills, I shall vote against the "delinquent tax notice bill."

DR. W. C. ADAMS.

The above article appeared in a recent issue of the Oregonian. The Jackson bill (put on the ballot by C. S. Jackson, wealthy owner of the Journal) deprives the delinquent taxpayer of protection he now has and places him at the mercy of the "tax title sharks." To be on the safe side vote "NO" on both of Jackson's bills.

HURRY UP BOYS

Mr. Mayor and councilmen: Now you have the money to build that public dock which the people voted for, get busy and have the plans, specifications and bids ready for quick action.

And Mr. Sherman Miles, county chairman of the State Council of Defense, since the council has acted favorably as to the wishes of the people and since the money is available for the dock, won't you please hurry along the application for the building permit so there will be no unnecessary delay in building this necessary dock.

SAFE AND SANE

If the people of Columbia county wish to be represented in the state legislature by a safe, sane and respectable man, they will vote for Edson I. Ballagh. He is a clean, honorable and progressive citizen. He has lived in Columbia county for the past twelve years. His record is beyond reproach. He is public spirited and dependable.

The Warrenton News says the S. P. & S. will build better quarters for their section men at Warrenton. Possibly the company might be prevailed upon to let some section-hans have the St. Helens depot and build a new depot here which will accommodate comfortably, the people who now have to put up with the miserable accommodations. If the people of St. Helens would get together and make a fight for a depot, they would get it. As long as they are content with the present shack, so long will they have to use this shack.

Before voting in favor of either of the Jackson bills, people should ask themselves why Jackson is so anxious to help the common people. He is a very wealthy man and can well afford to spend several thousand dollars in putting these bills over, but, Mr. Voter, why should Jackson want to spend his good money to have these bills passed UNLESS HE HAS SOME AX TO GRIND? Vote NO on the JACKSON MEASURES and leave the question to the legislature.

Bert Seffer, of Deer Island, says it is a hard matter for a newspaperman or a banker to be elected to office in Columbia county. He made this remark to the editor right after the primary election. In our case, his assertion was correct and if it holds good as to Banker White and Editor Kautzman, we will believe Bert is some political prophet.

I am much interested in legislation proposed in the senate by Senator McNary, and admire his earnest work in that body. No member of the senate is more faithful to the thorough consideration of legislative matters. He is very alert and has obtained a high rank among his colleagues in the senate.—United States Senator New, of Indiana.

United States Senator Borah of Idaho, says: It is a pleasure to state that Senator McNary has shown rare independence of action as a member of the senate and his work in that body has been effective and characterized by industry and a thoughtful consideration of all measures coming before the senate.

Pierce, the patriotic shouter—Withycombe, the patriotic doer. The voter should not have much trouble in deciding which is the right man for Oregon's governor.

ORDINANCE NO. 229

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the issuance and sale of City of St. Helens Municipal Wharf Bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of raising funds for the building and construction of a municipal wharf in the Columbia River at the easterly termination of St. Helens Street in said City, providing for and approving the form of said bonds and the coupons attached thereto, ratifying, approving and confirming the sale of said bonds and providing for the execution and delivery thereof, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Chapter VIII of the charter of said City as amended provides among other things that for the purpose of raising funds for the building and construction of a municipal wharf in the Columbia River at the easterly termination of St. Helens Street in said City the Common Council is authorized and empowered to issue and dispose of bonds of said City in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) par value; and

WHEREAS, no bonds have been issued for said purpose and it has now become necessary to borrow money and issue bonds in said sum therefore; now, therefore

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of St. Helens do issue bonds in the name of and under the corporate seal of said City in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) in denominations of two hundred dollars (\$200) each, numbered consecutively from 1 to 25 inclusive, said bonds to be dated September 1, 1918, to mature September 1, 1918, the City of St. Helens reserving, however, the right to redeem the same, or any thereof, at any time after September 1, 1928, the entire issue of five thousand dollars bonds aforesaid to bear interest at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of March and September in each year, both principal and interest to be payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City, said bonds to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Recorder under the corporate seal of said City, whereby the City of St. Helens shall be held and considered in substance and effect to undertake and promise to pay to the bearer of each of said bonds at the expiration thereof the sum therein named in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of value with interest thereon in like gold coin at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually which bonds shall be known as "CITY OF ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL WHARF BONDS," the interest on said bonds being represented by coupons attached thereto and each of said coupons shall bear the facsimile engraved signatures of said Mayor and Recorder.

Section 2. The said City of St. Helens Municipal Wharf Bonds hereby authorized to be issued and the coupons attached thereto shall be in substantially the following form:

Section 3. The sale of said bonds heretofore made to Morris Brothers, Inc., of Portland, Oregon, at par and accrued interest be and the same hereby is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 4. The Mayor and Recorder are hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to see to the proper execution of said bonds and the delivery thereof to the said purchaser upon payment of the purchase price thereof.

Section 5. That inasmuch as it is necessary in order to develop the industries of the City that this ordinance go into immediate effect, and that the development of certain industries are necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in effect immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Council this 29th day of October, 1918, by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4).
 Nays: None.
 Submitted to the Mayor, October 29, 1918.

Approved by the Mayor October 29, 1918.

Attest:
 M. SAXON,
 Mayor.

E. E. QUICK, Recorder.

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