

# MAJORITY RULE MEASURE WILL PROTECT INITIATIVE

## SHOULD BE GUN BEHIND THE DOOR

Vote for the Measure That Will Preserve the Initiative and Referendum by Protecting Them From Abuse.

Among the 38 measures, which appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 5, will be the Majority Rule Amendment. This is an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to require a majority of all electors voting at any election to adopt constitutional amendment and pass laws.

Do you know that we do not now have Majority Rule in the State of Oregon?

No doubt you think we have. The present form of the Initiative and Referendum does not provide Majority Rule.

Laws effecting all the voters of the state were passed by one-third of the voters at the last election.

Do you know that laws can be passed by less than one-third of the voters at any election?

The Majority Rule Amendment will make it so that less than one-half of the voters cannot pass laws.

Our opponents argue that this is Minority Rule, because if 49 per cent of the voters vote for a bill, 26 per cent vote against a bill and 25 per cent do not vote at all on a certain bill, they say it is the 25 per cent non-voting electors

that do the legislating, thereby defeating the will of the majority.

Now, there are 100 per cent in the total number of votes cast at any election and laws cannot be passed without effecting the whole 100 per cent., and a majority is more than one-half of that number.

Our opponents refuse to recognize the total of 100 per cent, or all the voters, at an election, who are affected and must pay the cost of passing and maintaining all laws.

But, you, Mr. Voter, can readily see that less than the majority of the total number of votes cast at an election is a minority and the 25 per cent of non-voters who do not vote on a certain measure, did not do the legislating, and did not defeat the will of the majority, for the majority had not expressed a desire for the measure.

We say: We now have Majority Rule in Oregon, because less than one-half of the total number of votes cast at an election can pass laws.

Defeating the will of less than the majority is not legislating.

Our opponents further state this amendment will array the slums, the ignorance, the careless and indifferent, voter against the intelligent voters of the State.

Well, now, have you, Mr. Voter, read all of the "voters' book?" If so, you are to be congratulated—you are one of the very few. If not, how intelligent is your vote on the other initiative and referendum measures not considered by you? Isn't your intelligence arrayed against those who have read ALL of the measures?

Suppose the ballot is loaded intentionally so you shall not be able to find the time to consider all the measures.

Remember you are defeating the Initiative and you will finally kill it if you vote against all measures you have not fully decided upon. If you don't vote, remember, that under the present system, Silence gives consent.

All voters in the State of Oregon, our opponents as well as our friends, say the Initiative needs amending.

No one has suggested a remedy. The Majority Rule Amendment is the remedy. The Majority Rule Bill is a fair and just measure.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson speaks of the initiative and referendum as the "gun behind the door."

Let us keep the gun loaded. We appeal to your best judgment and know you will not overlook this very important measure.

LET THE PEOPLE RULE. VOTE 322 "X" YES. THE MAJORITY RULE BILL.



**John A. Jeffrey**

Democratic Nominee

**District Attorney**

Seventeen years' experience in trial of criminal cases. Impartial enforcement of law. Always defended union laboring men.

(Paid Advt.)

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CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

of Multnomah county—experienced in city and country school work of all grades, superintendent of Multnomah county from 1896 until 1906, former principal of the Portland Business College. I respectfully ask the support of all, regardless of party, who favor continuous advancement along broad educational lines. If elected, all my time will be devoted to the duties of the office.

### Why the Majority Rule Bill Should Pass.

Because it puts the government in the hands of a **MAJORITY** of the voters.

We have not the rule of the majority in Oregon now under the initiative and referendum law.

Every legislative body in the world requires an absolute majority of its members to pass a law.

In both houses of Congress a bill is defeated unless it receives an absolute majority of the members thereof.

In the Legislature of Oregon a bill must receive an absolute majority of the members of both the House and the Senate before it can become a law.

In the City Council of Portland there are 15 members and an ordinance must get 8 affirmative votes, or a majority of the full membership of the Council, before it can become a law.

There are five members of the Portland School Board, and before any action of this Board can become legal, it must have the affirmative votes of three of the members.

In Oregon under the initiative and referendum law bills have become laws with **only 30 per cent of the voters of the State approving them** at the ballot box. A bill may become a law in Oregon with much fewer than 30 per cent of the voters voting for it.

**We want to Stop This. We want the rule of the MAJORITY to prevail in Oregon. We want to preserve the initiative and referendum law by making it sane and safe.**

**Vote for the Majority Rule Bill No. 322 and Stop the fanatics and would-be law givers from loading our ballot with all sorts of foolish and dangerous measures.**

**LET THE PEOPLE RULE.**

**Vote 322 X Yes. The Majority Rule Bill.**

This advertisement is paid for by the Majority Rule League, W. B. Glafke, President, H. H. Urdahl, Secretary.



**TOM. M. WORD**

Candidate for SHERIFF of Multnomah County.

(Paid Advt.)

### RAILROAD MAN LUGS VALISE

Louis W. Hill Helps Woman, Then Returns to Discharge Insolent Employee.

Minneapolis, Minn.—When an aged woman crossed the main waiting room of the Union Station, a heavy valise in one hand, a nearby porter made no effort to assist her.

A man with a sandy beard approached the woman, took the burden and helped her on a train. He then returned to the porter.

"Could you not have carried that valise?" he asked.

"Well, what do you care?" was the reply.

Indignation blazed in the other man's eyes. "I have some interest in the matter. I am Louis Hill."

The porter knew the man with that name is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Great Northern Railway. The negro is now looking for a job.

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