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REVIEW OF ELECTION.

To the Editor:

We will soon vote on 29 questions that have been submitted to the electors through the initiative and referendum. This system of legislation is a splendid reserve power for the people, to be invoked in extraordinary cases, but when used to exploit every fad and promote special private interests it becomes a nuisance and is a menace to wholesome laws, because the promoters of a fad or a private scheme will be very active on the one side while many of the people take no interest and either vote the wrong way or vote it blank.

Of the 29 measures to be voted on 13 of them either tend to increase the cost of government and taxation, or they are private schemes or the experiments of doctrinaires. The amendment to have all state and national elections come on the same day is the only proposition that has the merit of economy and sound public policy. The following 10 measures tend to increase the cost of government:

1. Legislators' pay raised from \$3 to \$10 per day.
2. Scattering the state institutions throughout the state.
3. Increasing supreme court judges from three to five.
4. Working country prisoners and creating salary for guards.
5. Appropriation to build armories for National Guard.
6. Woman suffrage.
7. Corrupt practices act.
8. The recall by special elections.
9. Changing system of indictments.
10. County prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The following are private schemes or fads:

- Sheriff working prisoners anywhere.
- Free passes for state and county officials.
- Upper Columbia fish bill.
- Lower Columbia fish bill.
- Local exclusive government in cities.
- Single land tax.
- Compelling legislators to vote for United States senator.
- Proportional representation.
- Creating county of Hood river.

The proposed appropriation of \$125,000 for the university of Oregon comes under the head of increased expenses, but it has the merit of being a worthy institution in the interest of higher education. The first 10 mentioned above, if carried affirmatively, will increase the taxes without compensating benefits. The first four mean increase of officers and salaries. There will be no end to armories and log-rolling by the different localities in the state when this scheme gets started as noted under No. 5.

Woman suffrage doubles the cost of registration, conducting elections and more than doubles the cost to candidates to get the women out to vote, without changing the result for the better. No. 7 is a cumbersome, costly and complicated proposition of 53 long sections and will require every candidate to hire a lawyer before he can proceed for his nomination after putting up blood money to the state for the privilege of having his name on the ballot.

No. 8 means the cost of a special election every time some political opponents get it in for some official. There is a better remedy now in force under our present laws.

No. 9 means all kinds of delays and added expenses for the county. The present system has many things to commend it and district attorneys have to prepare and present all the matter for the grand jury, anyhow.

No. 10 means at least \$20,000 additional taxation to make up the deficit for no license, water rents, etc., in the towns and county.

Those measures under the head of "Private Scheme and Fads" need no comment, but should all be voted down except creating the county of Hood River. No county can now be divided or created except on the popular vote of the voters of the whole state, and as all the people interested in this division are favorable to it, the whole people of the state should grant this request.

We are continually adopting measures to increase and double up the cost of operating our governmental

machinery. We are making that machinery more complicated and building up the red tape system. We are gradually encroaching on the domain of individual rights and granting still more powers to our corporate capacity. All this tends in the direction of tyranny instead of the freedom and independence that we claim to believe in. Governmental machinery is not different from mechanical machinery, and it is well known that simplicity in construction and operation of a machine is the most profitable and gives the best results.

When Mr. U'Ren was here lecturing the following question was propounded to him: "In all the reform legislation that has been adopted in Oregon during the past number of years, what measure of relief has been provided for the taxpayer?" He answered, "Nothing." And this is true, my friends, besides most of the measures to be voted on at the coming election have for their chief purpose increase of the burden of taxation. Everybody can figure out the number of boards and commissions that have been created with high salaries and emoluments, the trebling of the cost of our election machinery until we have a ballot the size of a blanket and only a small proportion of the electorate have the time or inclination to inform themselves as to the merits of any given measure, especially when they are so numerous and complicated. This method of "riding a free horse to death" will have a tendency to discredit the initiative and referendum when, if these principles are used properly they are great and splendid instruments reserved by the people to protect their rights and liberties.

All these fads, and waste of money, and increase of taxation should be voted down and only the measures of unquestioned merit should be adopted at the polls on the first day of June, next.

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