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DIRECT LEGISLATION.

Oregon electors will have to burn the midnight oil for a few weeks if they wish to vote with intelligence on 32 initiative and referendum measures that will be listed on the ballots at the coming general election, remarks the Tacoma Ledger. Thirty-two propositions are to be dealt with in addition to candidates for office.

It would be interesting to know how much time Oregon voters are giving to a study of the 32 measures. A number of them would seem to call for exhaustive investigation. It is probable that there will not be much investigation except by the few. A big percentage of the electors will go to the polls without having their minds made up. And you can't reasonably blame the electors. Many have little interest in the majority of the 32 propositions. They will have good reasons for voting on some of them, but will care little about others. Perhaps they won't vote at all on the propositions they don't pretend to understand or don't care anything about.

What will be the probable result? Measures will get through on a small vote. They will get through on the vote of a few faddists.

Freak results came about a year or two ago when conflicting salmon laws were enacted by popular vote. The initiative bills were clearly of contrary purpose, yet both were successful. In the list of 32 propositions submitted this year under the initiative and referendum there are conflicting tax bills and conflicting liquor bills. Suppose all the bills are approved.

Of the 32 propositions, 16 are for constitutional amendments.

Six bills propose new counties, while one is designed to make it more difficult for the people to make new counties. But what is the use of undertaking by means of a bill to make it more difficult for the people to change county lines when at any general election the law may be changed and even the constitution may be amended? The bill, however, is significant of dissatisfaction with the way things may now be upset.

One initiative bill regulates the liability of employers in personal injury cases, while another creates an employes' indemnity commission to study the question and report to the legislature. Suppose both measures pass. What is the need of a commission if the people at the same time

prescribe rates and rules for indemnity? The trouble with the Oregon system is that there is no opportunity for debate and conference, no opportunity to amend bills. Voters must accept or reject them as they are presented, and often as they are presented, they represent the views of only one man or a small group of men of like opinions.

THAT IRRIGATION QUESTION.

This matter of irrigating the Grande Ronde valley is not exactly like shingling the house. According to the old story when it rained the man could not shingle his house and when it did not rain he did not need the roof. Here in this valley there is a speculative feature attached to every crop and will be until water is procured and placed on the land. We do not mean by this that a chop failure stares us in the face, for the Grande Ronde does not have crop failures, or anything near them.

But the crops are frequently cut short because of lack of rain, just as the spring grain is cut short this season. One year of well watered land will return enough grain to pay for expense of installing the irrigating system and there will never be any further question as to when the rain will come or when it will not come.

On Saturday (tomorrow), there will be an irrigation meeting held in La Grande and it is of great importance to this part of the country. Be present and speak your sentiments whether you are for or against the project.

Lodge Officer in Trouble.

Spokane, Wash., July 15. Special.—Investigations by Denton M. Crow, deputy prosecuting attorney of Spokane county, and Alexander Macdonald, a member of the city detective department, following the arrest here of Thomas Perrot of Seattle, state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Washington, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in bargaining to confer the degree of the Knights Templars in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons for \$60, has disclosed the fact that any of the degrees, from the first to the thirty-second in the alleged American and foreign Masonic orders may be bought in the open market. Perrot's prices range from \$35 for the blue lodge work to \$175 for the more advanced degrees.

Major R. D. Gwydir, former Indian fighter and veteran of the confederate army, now sidewalk inspector for the city of Spokane, and a member of a local Masonic lodge, preferred the charge in the Spokane police court, where, after passing several hours in a cell, Perrot gave a bond of \$500 for his appearance. Del Cary Smith, past worthy grand president of the Eagles, who has been retained as counsel, says Perrot is a member in good standing of 12 secret and fraternal orders, adding that he holds a certificate signed by I. M. Howell, secretary of the state of Washington, authorizing him to "do business" under the American Masonic Federation of Idaho, also that Perrot is an official of the American Federation of Masonic Lodges, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington.

Documents found in an office occupied by Perrot show he is an agent for the Scottish Grand Council of Rites, and is working here under the direction of A. E. Lucas of Tacoma, deputy grand marshal of Washington, while some of the stationary picked up in

the raided quarters indicates that the "sixtieth", and "ninetieth" degrees of Masonry were also dealt in by Perrot. The police found a ritual and a seal of the Order of the Scottish Grand Council of Rites and books and papers dealing with that organization. S. Harry Rush, secretary of the Masonic Temple association of Spokane, said in an interview that no degrees conferred by the Idaho organizations are recognized in the lodges in Spokane. "This Masonic order has no solicitors and it never solicits members," he added, "and it is not probable that Perrot has been authorized by any recognized body to sell the degrees."

BIG PRIZES GIVEN.

Portland Fair and Live Stock Association to Hold Big Meet

Portland, Or., July 15.—Special.—The biggest purse ever offered in the Pacific Northwest for a single race will be hung up at Portland this fall at the Harvest Festival and Race Meet, to be held by the Portland Fair and Live Stock Association. It will be \$10,000 and will be known as the banker's purse. Another race will net the winner \$5,000 and will be known as the hotel man's purse. Many smaller prizes will be offered and it is believed the meet will attract more people than ever gathered at a similar affair in this section of the country.

The Portland Harvest Festival promises to have as its biggest attraction, James J. Hill, the great empire builder. A strong telegram urging Mr. Hill to attend, has been sent to him and it is thought that if it is anywhere within the range of possibility, he will come to Portland at that time.

The fair and race meet will be held September 5 to 10. The management will play up the amusement idea in a manner never before attempted. There will be all kinds of attractions suited to varying tastes. Plans now under way are on a large scale and the showing of livestock of leading breeds will be extensive.

The Portland Harvest festival is one of several fairs and livestock shows held throughout the Pacific Northwest during the fall but the men behind the festival are going into it determined to make it the best one in the chain of fairs in this corner of the United States. Rivalry for first place may be keen but the management is going in to win and will have a remarkably good list of attractions arranged when the gates open in September.

The grounds east of the city where the festival will be held are ideal for the purpose and are easily reached by street car and autos, as well as by the O. R. & N. railroad.

Confer on Western Rates.

Washington, July 15.—A conference on the recent railway water discussions of the Interstate Commerce commission, perhaps the most important and far-reaching handed down in the history of that body, brought to Washington today representatives of all the leading transcontinental and western lines. The railroad men are up in arms against the decisions, and voiced their displeasure before the commission today. It is expected, however, that the commissioners will remain firm, unless better reasons are adduced than have so far been presented.

The commission has ordered extensive reductions of freight rates west of the Missouri river, especially in the intermountain and Pacific states.

The reductions are the most comprehensive that the commission ever made and will effect all transcontinental lines.

Hill Climbs Catskills.

New York, July 15.—What promises to be the most interesting automobile events of the year for New York motorists begins tomorrow with the starting of the reliability contest to and from the Catskills, which will have a hill climb up the Kaaterskill Clove as a feature.

The motorists will rendezvous at the village of Catskill for the run to the scene of the contest. The course of the climb begins at Lake Creek Bridge and from that point, while the scenery is just as beautiful to the motorist, the interest is in the roadway itself and the surpassing possibilities it offers for a hill climb. It is said to be second only to the carriage road up Mount Washington, where the famous climb to the clouds was run some years ago. From the bridge the course rises with a sharp grade for a few rods and then alternates with easy grades and a series of sharp

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All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to the undersigned at the office of Cochran & Cochran, La Grande, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from date hereof.
Dated at La Grande, this 1st day of July, A. D., 1910.
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Dr. Buchanan will organize a class in psychology at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. C. Moore, 1617 4th.

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Racing at Windsor.
Windsor, Ont., July 15.—Several notable horses are entered in the