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INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.  
McCoy, Or., July 13, 1863. Editor WEST SIDE:—I hear a great deal said among the farmers of a new system of law making called "Initiative and Referendum," but, so far, I have not found anyone able to explain the principles on which it works. Will you please do so through the columns of the WEST SIDE?  
J. A. C. K.  
In the short space of a newspaper article it is impossible to go into detail, even if we had the ability, to answer the question of the correspondent fully.  
In brief the "initiative" means that the people, at their homes, in public meetings assembled shall pass resolutions intended to instruct the legislators what laws shall be passed. In that respect it seems to have very little advantage over our present "petition" or "resolution" system, since the legislators act on the "initiative" or not as they see fit, but when it comes to the "referendum" the case is different. Under our present system our legislators meet in the seat of government and pass laws. If they pass good ones it is taken as a matter of course, but if they pass poor ones the people suffer and their only redress is to send new men to the legislature. Under the system proposed, that of "referendum," every law must be accepted by the people before becoming a law. This system is now in vogue in Switzerland and is giving excellent satisfaction. Under such a law all of certain acts of our legislature would have to remain inoperative a certain length of time, say three months, during which time, if a certain number of the voters of a state, say one-tenth, shall demand an election, the governor shall submit the law to a popular vote, and if a majority shall vote against it, it shall be rejected and not become a law. The last legislature passed many laws which if they were submitted to a popular vote would be rejected by the people. But ninety men met at Salem and after swapping and trading and perhaps receiving bribes, passed those laws and the people can do nothing but elect men to repeal them. In the interim the state is suffering from their effects. All laws which are acceptable to the people under the "referendum" system become laws just as they do now after the allotted time has elapsed, and no demand is made for a vote.  
Supposing the people of Oregon were to be allowed a vote on that \$100,000 appropriation for a state militia, do you think it would receive a majority of the votes in the state? The people are beginning to see that our government is ceasing to be a representative one, and our elected public servants are ruling the people instead of the people them; and each party, no matter whether it be republican, democrat, populist or prohibition, works harder to keep in power than to do the will of the people. It appears to us that the "Initiative and Referendum" system of passing laws should correct many of the present evils. Let the people rule instead of our representatives.  
WHAT WAS A MANDAT?  
SUVER, Or., July 18, 1893. Editor WEST SIDE:—Will you please tell me through your paper what is a Mandat? Why so named, and why spoken of at the time of this financial depression?  
A SUBSCRIBER.  
A Mandat is the name of a French paper money issued by France just ninety-seven years ago, and corresponds to our present greenback, with the exception that they were payable in land, at current prices instead of coin. They failed in their purpose and soon brought only ten cents on the dollar. The mandat corresponding to our greenback was the outcome of the assignat, a paper money made in France in 1790. In view of the fact that many people believe the stamp of the government is all that is necessary to make money and that land is the best basis for determin-

ing value, the history of the assignat and mandat will prove interesting.  
About 100 years ago, (1790) France confiscated many millions of acres of valuable lands belonging to the church. France needed money and not being able to find purchasers for the land, decided to issue bonds on the security of it which were called assignats. They could be used as money, having the stamps of the government, or could be exchanged for land or to pay taxes, etc. In fact were a full legal tender. The scheme proved immensely popular, and as more land was added to the public domain, more assignats were issued. The value of the assignat however soon began to decline in spite of all the government could do. In June, 1793, after only three years of use, an assignat was worth only thirty-five cents on the dollar and in August of the same year it had fallen to sixteen cents. The state took the most extreme measures to compel the acceptance of the assignats at their full nominal value. The effects of these were to cause the assignats to flow back into the public treasury, to raise the price of commodities and to make anyone averse to having any dealings with the state. An attempt was made by the state to compel people to take the money by fixing maximum prices; but no one could compel the producer to sell at a loss, which was the case when he sold for assignats, and all business became disorganized. At last the assignats became worth almost nothing. Millions of people had suffered almost incalculable loss and only a few who had bought public lands with the assignats had enriched themselves. In March, 1796, a Louis d'or (twenty-four francs) bought 7200 francs in assignats. During this year the government bought in the assignats at one-thirtieth of their face, or three cents on the dollar, and issued mandates in their place which as stated above soon also fell in price. In July, 1796, the system of paper credit, so persisted in by the French government and so disastrous in its results came to an end. A law was passed, declaring that everyone was entitled to transact business in whatever circulating medium he pleased; that the mandates should be taken at their current value, and that taxes be received either in coin or mandates at that rate. This ended the trial in France of issuing paper money based on the credit, based on the lands of the state, and full legal tender. This occurred only 100 years ago.  
ONE of the errors which is very commonly talked in connection with the use of money, is that a government, by law, can make an individual part with his property for anything the government shall call a legal tender. It is true that after an individual has parted with property the government can by law say what he shall accept in payment therefor, but before he sells his property he will try and find out what he is to receive in return. If a farmer had a thousand bushels of wheat for sale and wanted his pay in gold coin, there is no law which can compel him to accept silver, copper, or even paper based on the full credit of the government. He can keep his wheat till he gets that which he wants. If silver, copper, or paper money stands at par and can be converted into gold, of course, the farmer would accept it. Whatever a dealer demands for his property as pay, must be paid before he can be compelled to part with his property.  
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June 30, 1893, it amounts to \$2354.45, showing a gain of \$1135.43 in four years. The above does not include postal notes or money orders sold which are unusually large this year. It shows a healthy increase in the business of the office.  
THERE are hundreds, yes thousands of democrats, republicans and populists in every state who care more for the prosperity of our country than they do for the ascendancy of either party, and these men are getting "awfully tired" of the "don't-know-what-to-do" policy of the democratic party.  
CALIFORNIA is going to have a mid-winter fair, which will be a grand chance for Oregon to have an exhibit. Arizona, Washington and Idaho are going to erect buildings, have exhibits, and, it will pay them. Where will Oregon be? Will wheat and oats be a very low price, we feel encouraged at the high prospects, both in yield and price. Polk county does not depend on one crop so that times are bound to be good this fall for us have something to sell.  
THE first appalling accident at the World's Fair occurred July 10, when forty firemen were burned to death in the burning of the building used by the Hercules Iron Company for exhibiting ice making machinery.  
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J. R. N. BELL, PATENTEE.  
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