

# The STAYTON MAIL

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Probably Andrew Carnegie was not in the list of heavy contributors because libraries are of no particular value in a political campaign.

Most millionaires like to tell how they got their first \$1000, but few of them would care to tell where they got their last million.

Dr. Eliot favors Dr. Wilson for president. It is glorious to see the ex-college presidents stick together in a case of this kind.

An Englishman has succeeded in producing a stingless bee, but in business affairs people will continue to be stung as of yore.

It is said that London shop-keepers will prevent further window smashing by replacing their plate glass with mirrors.

Governor Wilson has invited Ty Cobb to lunch, which is eminently proper. They are both good runners.

Gaby Deslys says London is puritanical, provincial and Quakerish. It must be almost fit to live in.

The invention of socks that will not wear out should prove a boon to the husbands of suffragettes.

Americans boast of their independence and then let Paris dictate what they shall wear.

There is no tariff on dictionaries. Maybe that is the reason we use so many imported words.

The Carnegie library at Dallas is completed, says the Observer. Battling Nelson is out for Roosevelt. That settles it.

The W. C. T. U. National Convention met in Portland last Friday. Aumsville has the 'bug' and is cutting up farms into small tracts.

## MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT

Among the thirty-eight measures, which will appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 5th, 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 initiative measures.

This measure is proposed for the express purpose of preserving the Initiative Law for the people of Oregon by preventing its over-use by its friends, and by preventing its abuse and possibly its repeal by its enemies.

It scarcely admits of argument that the Initiative Law as originally intended by its sponsors, is a most worthy measure. But we find it today "working overtime" in Oregon. We find it being grossly abused and perverted—turned from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, to be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people with which to get important and necessary legislation after the same had been neglected or refused by the State Legislature. Governor Woodrow Wilson says; It is to be regarded as "a gun behind the door"—to be used only when the people's representatives fail to represent them.

After its eight years of use and abuse we find that it is fast pushing the Legislature into a subordinate and secondary place. Beginning with a few measures and a comparatively small official pamphlet, it has grown until today there are 38 measures to be voted upon, and an official pamphlet containing over 250 pages, for the voters of Oregon to grope through in order to arrive at anything like an intelligent conclusion in regard to the proposed measures.

What percentage of the voters will take the trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite time and attention in order to vote intelligently thereon? And yet, it is the bounden duty of every voter to do so, because in this conglomerate mass there may be important measures affecting vitally all of the people of the state. A large majority of these 38 measures are ordinary matters of legislation which should have gone to the Legislature where members elected by all of the people are paid for the purpose of passing upon the merits or demerits of such measures, and who are at least sup-

posed to be competent to render an intelligent decision thereon. And yet, we cannot expect any change in the number of measures on the ballot so long as we have an unbridled and unprotected initiative law that allows every paid propagandist, every faddist and fanatic who may be able to raise the price with which to hire an army of professional petition circulators to go forth and solicit signatures to a petition at so much per name.

What is there to prevent special interests from initiating measures containing jokers which if let pass, may work untold injustice to the people of Oregon? Will the electorate of Oregon take the time and trouble to study this official pamphlet sufficiently to select the good measures from the vicious ones,—the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, and pass favorably on the good ones and reject the bad ones? We say no, and to substantiate our claim we need only call attention to the fact that you may go forth today—less than a month before election, and consult 10 business and professional men whose business and professional training has taught them to look carefully into important matters before rendering a decision thereon, and ask them if they have looked carefully into the 38 measures proposed and if they have read the 250 pages of the official pamphlet. We make the statement without fear of successful contradiction, that at least seven out of the ten will admit they have not read the pamphlet at all, and if so, have given it only a superficial glance. If such be the case with the man who is supposed to give these matters close attention, what can be expected of the busy mechanic and laboring man whose attention is centered in other directions and whose environment is all along other lines?

The remedy suggested at the present moment by some of the most prominent newspapers of the state is, "Vote No on all measures unless you are sure." Not having studied the merits of the 38 measures, how can the voter be sure? If he votes "No" on all or most of the measures and all are turned down, how about the one, two or perhaps three or four meritorious measures for which there is a genuine need or demand by the people? Are they to meet the same fate as the dozens of ordinary measures which should have gone to the Legislature in the first place, or the vicious or fanatic measures which should be turned down with a vengeance?

If we are to preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon, both present and future, we must protect it by surrounding it with a safeguard which will prevent its misuse and abuse by those who would use it to further selfish interests to the detriment of the greater number of the people of the state.

The Majority Rule amendment will do this by driving all ordinary measures into the Legislature where they belong, and by driving the selfish and pernicious measures into oblivion where they also belong.

The Majority Rule amendment if passed, will reduce the number of measures on the ballot to a sane basis by giving notice to all that a measure in order to stand a chance of passing must have real merit and that there must be an actual demand for the same, in which case there will be no difficulty at all in getting a majority to vote in favor of it.

Take the time and pains to look into the Majority Rule amendment and if you do, you will vote for it and preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon.

Vote 322 X Yes

323 No

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE  
(Paid Adv. by Majority Rule League)

Independence is trying for two new sawmills.

The Linn County Advocate comments in a two column article on the "blind pigs" of that city.

Dallas had a runaway team chase an auto the other day and overtake it, running it into the ditch, says the Itemizer.

The Canby Irrigator complains that the ballot will be too long this year. An editor should be able to "scratch" most anything.

And now New York says the World Series was fixed, and a white (?) girl in Chicago wants to marry Jack Johnson. Good Heavens what next?

Henry La Beir, a lineman of the Portland Light and Power Co., was instantly killed in Silverton Sunday, Oct. 13, by cutting a live wire, 20,000 volts passing through his body, says the Silverton Journal.



## HARD TO BEAT

but easy to smoke and delicious to enjoy—one of our matchless cigars.

Any match will light it, of course, but we know it is matchless in quality because so many of our customers tell us so. And

the sales are growing rapidly—another good indication of the superior quality. In tobaccos and cigarettes, too, we offer the same sterling values at very reasonable prices.

## The Gem Confectionery

J. A. HENDERSHOTT, Proprietor

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You are assured of a safe depository and courteous treatment at this bank, by ample capital and long experience in the banking business.

Farmers & Merchants  
Bank of Stayton, Oregon  
Capital \$25,000.00



## RIGHT HERE

is the place to do your shopping, and you will always be "right here" and rightly treated here. Or you can "write here" when you cannot come yourself, and you will

find your wants just as well attended to and quickly too. Our goods are right, our prices are right, our services are right, and if we can persuade you to join our regular patrons we'll feel all right also.

## Streff Hardware Co.

## Popular Historical Prize Contest

OPEN TO THE CHILDREN OF OREGON UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

Prices to be distributed as follows: For the best original composition (not to exceed 750 words) by any child under the age limit, on following subjects: "Why Jonathan Bourne, Jr. Should Be Returned to the United States Senate." \$50.00 in Gold. For the next best production \$25.00 in Gold. For the third best production \$10.00 in Gold. For the fifty next best \$1.00 each.

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST All contestants should write their compositions on paper 8 1/2 by 11 inches, if possible.

The manuscripts should reach us by November 5th.

The awards will be made not later than Dec. 1, 1912.

Spell name and address correctly.

Send all communications to

Bourne Popular Government Club  
814 Journal Building, Portland, Oregon

## HOW'S YOUR SOLE

Watters the old reliable, is back in the shoe shop for the winter. Come in.



## To Head-Off a Headache

Nothing is Better than Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills They Give Relief Without Bad After-Effects.

"It gives me great pleasure to offer a word of recommendation for Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills, as there are thousands suffering unnecessarily from headache. I was afflicted intermittently for years with headache and after other remedies failed, I tried Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. For the past ten years I have carried them constantly with me, getting instant relief by using one or two on the approach of headache. They are also effective for neuralgia, giving immediate relief." C. M. BROWN, Estherville, Ia. For Sale by All Druggists. 25 Doses, 25 Cents. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

# BIG REMOVAL SALE

The Lancefield Shoe Store is about to move from its present location to the Stayton garage building, which is to be remodeled for the purpose. As soon as the alterations are completed, the store will move to its new quarters. In the meantime it will hold a big

## Clean-up Sale

During this sale great bargains will be offered in SHOES, FURNISHING GOODS, GLOVES, UMBRELLAS, ETC., with large cuts in every line.

## FREE! FREE!

While they last, a hat will be given free with every pair of boys' shoes.

Come before they're gone

## LADIES' SHOES

\$2.50 to 3.50 during sale

\$1.95 to 2.45

These are seasonable, high-top shoes—just what you need.

We Have a Large and Complete Stock of High Grade Shoes For All Purposes.

Take Advantage of This Big Sale and Save Money

# The LANCEFIELD SHOE STORE