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They're Off==

The ELEPHANT, the DONKEY and the MOOSE are having the race of their lives. It looks at present as if the Donkey had gotten a slight advantage in the start, but one never can tell how that Moose is going to run. From now until the home stretch, all will be hubbub and noise, and it is going to be anyone's race until the finish.

The Mail has tried to be consistently independent not only in national but local politics. In the field closer at home all the parties have some good men on their tickets and we make this prediction: That more scratched tickets will be voted in Marion at this election, than ever before.

MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT

Proposed by Initiative Petition

For the amending of Section 1, Article IV, of 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 and a majority vote only of electors voting thereon to reject measures referred to the people.

Vote 322 X Yes
323 No

The Majority Rule Amendment, as shown above, is just as it will appear on the ballot. This is one of the most important measures the voters of Oregon will be called upon to decide at the coming election.

It will take from the minority the abused power to initiate and pass laws that only a small percentage of the people understand, and confirms the majority in its right to rule.

Has it not been the purpose of the law to give the people—the majority—the right to rule? Surely, the majority rule if 25 or 30 per cent of the voters are allowed to enact laws?

Look at it this way and you will see the danger in the law which the proposed amendment will remedy! A certain clique, or certain interests desire a law passed; they send out an agent to paid canvassers to solicit signatures for the petitions as so much per cent, the petition is filled and the measure goes on the ballot; those who have initiated the measure and those who signed the petitions—a small per cent of the electorate—vote for it, a few people who know that the proposed law is aimed at the rights of the people vote against it; but the majority read in one paper that the law is a good one and who read in another paper that it is a bad law, frankly admit that they do not understand it, and refrain from voting. What is the result. The people who have initiated and who are deeply interested in the measure—a small minority, about 25 or 30 per cent of the electorate—are counted for it, as are those who did not vote on it at all and it is declared passed.

That is what has happened in the past and what will happen at the coming election. That is Minority Rule, not Majority Rule.

The proposed amendment will safeguard the rights of the people and make the rule of the majority, majority indeed, and not minority rule as at present.

Is it right that our state constitution should work so that conditions could possibly arise when less than a majority of the votes cast at an election could amend the Constitution?

Is it not evident that this is the week spot in our initiative law?

Is it not true that all are affected by the passage of bad laws as well as good laws? Is it not true that all must pay the cost of such legislation?

Is it right to say that the approval of a minority of the total number of votes cast at an election should have the right to pass any law or amend the Constitution when all of the people of the state are affected by such legislation?

Is it not better to have the approval of a majority of the total number of votes cast at any election than to pass any law without it?

If you carefully consider the merits of the Majority Rule amendment you will vote so that in the future the voters of Oregon will take more interest in legislation, for it will

have a tendency to restrain experimenters, causing less untried and experimental measures being proposed, thus giving the voter more time for the consideration of important measures.

By voting for the Majority Rule amendment you will correct the abusive use of the initiative law, and thereby preserve it in the State Constitution.

You, Mr. Voter, are to decide this very important question, and in order to decide it right you should vote 322 X Yes on November 5.

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE

(Paid Adv. by Majority Rule League)

W H Y

Congressman W. C. Hawley Should Be Re-elected to Congress

Because in point of ability, experience and qualifications no opposing candidate can favorably compare with him.

Because of large abilities and efficiency is added his known honesty, manhood and a character without blemish.

Because born in Oregon he knows her needs and has already secured millions of dollars for public improvements in the First District.

Because he travels thousands of miles over his district annually conferring with his constituents and learning their needs.

Because it has been proven that he is industrious, able, efficient and successful in serving all the people and not a favored few.

Because he has been a faithful public servant, working up to a position of influence in national affairs so that presidents Taft and Roosevelt, his associates of all parties and constituents generally, praise him in terms similar to those used by Governor West, after a visit to the National Capital when he said in an interview: "In intellect, oratorical ability and devotion to the interests of the people, Hawley stands head and shoulders above the majority of the members of the National House of Representatives." (Paid Adv. Congressional Committee, 1st. District.)

DYNAMO BARGAIN

For Sale—A 20 light Roth dynamo or generator. Just the thing for a small plant to light a country house and barn. Will sell for less than half original cost and it is good as new. The machine can be seen at the Santiam Light and Power Company's plant.

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DAIRYMEN NOTICE

A meeting of the Sublimity Dairy Association will be held in Sublimity on Sat., Nov. 2, at 11 a. m. All members are urged to be present.
10-31x E. C. Downing, Sec.

WILLIAM STAIGER

Independent Candidate for
County Treasurer

If elected I will
Provide an adequate bond.
Require county banks to secure the county deposits with them.
Leave funds as nearly as possible in their natural channels.
Advocate a law that requires 2% interest paid on all county funds.
(Paid adv.) WM. STAIGER.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON.

Wife of the Democratic Presidential Nominee. Honorary President of the Woman's National Democratic League.



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the new leader of Democracy and probable next mistress of the White House, is perhaps the most interesting woman in the United States today. This is inevitable—not because she wishes it, for she does not—and is as firm as a rock in her conviction that being the wife of a public man does not necessitate nor call for a woman's becoming a publicity seeker. She successfully resisted all appeals of photographers and interviewers until Mr. Wilson's nomination as Democratic candidate for the presidency was an fait accompli. This modesty is easily traced to her southern ancestry and training and is characteristic also of her distinguished husband.

She was born Ellen Louise Axson, daughter of a Presbyterian divine of Savannah, Ga., whose family, so far as he knows, is the only one of the name in America.

Like Mr. Wilson, she has one brother and one sister living, all in the same literary circle as the doctor and herself.

In this atmosphere of learning Mrs. Wilson could hardly be expected to be other than she is—widely read, broadminded and charitable, devoted to her home and the principles for which it stands.

She has marked ability as an artist, and it is said that a portrait painter of ability was spoiled when she married the young barrister who had then given up the practice of his profession to specialize on the subject that has made him a presidential nominee.

Mrs. Wilson's three daughters—Misses Margaret Woodrow Wilson, Jessie Woodrow Wilson and Eleanor Randolph Wilson—possess the mental characteristics of their father and their mother's artistic temperament, combined in such a way as to give zest to every moment of their lives and protection from the follies of the world. They form, indeed, an ideal family circle, one that it would be well for every American household to emulate.

Facts Suppressed and Issues

Evaded by Taft Tariff Board

By ROBERT KENNETH MACLEA,

Formerly Consulting Expert of the Tariff Board.

Under the pressure of promise to fight chicanery and fraud in tariff legislation, I deem it a public duty not to withhold the facts in my possession relative to the investigation of the cotton manufacturing industry. Regretful that my experience with the board warrants such conclusions, I am compelled to present the following indictment:

- I. That the tariff board, in its report on manufactures of cotton (Schedule 1) has suppressed findings of vital importance to the cotton industry, to the public and to the government, but inimical to the special privileges of a few New England manufacturers who were permitted by Senator Aldrich to write the cotton schedule to suit themselves.
- II. That the tariff board has perverted other facts, thereby giving exposure of tariff injustices that have benefited the few at the expense of the many manufacturers.
- III. That the tariff board has not, as stated by President Taft to congress, drawn any conclusions that would be valuable in advising the congress and the people of the changes that ought to be made to make more equitable their (the wool and cotton) schedules' effects. The board did not attempt to draw conclusions, "scientific" or otherwise, from its "scientifically" collected data, but sidestepped that responsibility by arguing that such deductions as its data justified were not called for under the specifications of its employment.
- IV. That the tariff board's report was arranged so as to be incomprehensible to either legislators or laymen; that tables were deliberately disassociated or emasculated if not suppressed, and that a congressman would require the services of a statistician and a clerk six months to make head or tail of the jumble of data presented as a basis for intelligent tariff revision.
- V. That the tariff board reported certain phases of tariff graft hidden in "jokers" of the Payne-Aldrich law.
- VI. That the tariff board falsely reported that it was impossible to obtain abroad cost data on weaving necessary to enable it to make an intelligent comparison with costs at home; that the board was offered opportunities for obtaining such data, but did not use them; that such foreign data as were obtained were in some cases suppressed and in others were inadequate for honest comparison, although so utilized.
- VII. That the tariff board betrayed the confidence of American manufacturers by publishing data that should have been held for confidential information of legislators; that competitors were given thereby valuable trade secrets, while the foreign manufacturers divulged nothing of similar character or importance.
- VIII. That the tariff board's treatment of economic questions vitally affecting the relation of the tariff to the prices exacted from consumers was disingenuous and misleading.
- IX. That the tariff board has proved not to be the "nonpartisan" and scientific instrument promised by President Taft; that its members displayed inexperience in business, incompetence and extravagance. I have been forced reluctantly after a year's intimate association to accept the opinion that the tariff board has been nothing more than an effective cog in a "standpat" political machine; that some of the men who claimed most loudly for a tariff board and some of the men appointed thereto worked all the time complacently in the knowledge that the creation of the board was a scheme to prevent genuine tariff reform as long as possible by "gumming the cards and delaying the game," a charge frequently made, but which I for a long time discredited.
- X. That such facts as the tariff board has reported sustain the charge, as to both the wool and the cotton schedules, that the consumer has been robbed outrageously as a consequence of excessive duties and that the profits have not gone into the pockets of the laborer to "maintain an American standard of living."

—From New York World.

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

A share of the banking business of Stayton and vicinity is solicited.

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.

MAX GEHLAR

REPUBLICAN, DIRECT PRIMARY, CANDIDATE
FOR COUNTY CLERK
Nominated at the Primaries last April on a platform of
Economy, Experience and Efficiency

He was formerly Deputy County Clerk and knows the business of the office from A to Z. He has worked his own way up from the farm, and though yet a young man, he has held every position in responsible office work from the lowest to the highest, and having made a success in his own business, he submits himself to the wishes of the people on election day.

I have only one promise to make and that is this: I will put in all my time for the county and I will work just as hard and faithfully for the county as I have for myself heretofore. By so doing I am confident that I can conduct the important business of the office in a careful and business-like way and at the least possible expense to the taxpayers of whom I am one. Paid adv.

STAYTON STABLES City Meat Market
RIGGS & NENDEL, Proprietors
FIRST CLASS TURNOUTS AT REASONABLE PRICES.
COMMERCIAL TRADE SOLICITED
Highest Market Price Paid for Stock and Hides.
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