

NO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Apparently, the initiative and referendum is not, as was universally supposed, a part of the Oregon state constitution. A decision by four circuit judges in Multnomah county last week declares that the proceedings by the legislature were irregular, and that the measure is not in effect.

The state constitution in providing a method by which it may be amended says, "While an amendment or amendments shall have been agreed upon by one legislative assembly shall be waiting the action of a legislative assembly or of the electors, no additional amendment or amendments shall be proposed." It appears that when the initiative and referendum amendment was proposed February 6, 1899, that an equal-suffrage amendment, proposed in 1895 was pending and awaiting action by a legislative assembly. The latter fact barred, accordingly to the decision, a legal and regular submission of the initiative and referendum amendment.

In addition, four amendments, proposed by the legislature of 1893, were also pending when the initiative and referendum was proposed. They were the 'repealing amendment, the municipal indebtedness, the increase in number of judges, and the irrigation amendments. They were agreed to in the legislature in 1895, but were not ordered submitted to the electors until 1899, and were not actually submitted until the June election in 1900, several months after the proposal of the initiative and referendum. The pendency of these, and the equal rights-amendment are held by the Multnomah judges to invalidate the initiative and referendum.

The matter came into the courts in a case involving the validity of the Portland charter on pleadings which held the charter to be valid by reason of the fact that the initiative and referendum is invalid. It is probable that the matter will go through the supreme court, and the decision will be affirmed. Over 62,000 people voted for the initiative and referendum measure, and only about 5000 votes were recorded against it. The measure gave the people a veto over legislative enactments, and acted as a deterrent influence against bad legislation. It was a step nearer an ideal popular government, and its failure to stand, the test of the courts is unfortunate. As was the case recently in Missouri, as well as in many similar instances in the older states, time has shown how wholesale corruption is possible in a representative government, and ultimately as people become more and more educated, they will everywhere demand the personal legislative power that the initiative and referendum confers. Its defeat in Oregon is probably but temporary.

THEIR FIND.

Said to be Worth a Hundred—How Came it There.

A party of three, consisting of O. W. Beckwith, Charles Beckwith and Rollie Hart were returning from a blackberrying expedition up the Willamette a few days ago, discovered a one inch wire cable, the loop of which extended above the water. The scene was at the site of the old Blumhart ferry which operated between the Corvallis Flouring mills and the Rader farm many years ago. They began an investigation and in time the loop proved to be a part of a wire cable 600 feet long. The cable was pulled out on the bank, and turned out to be what is known as a half flexible steel cable in a good state of preservation. There is nothing but conjecture as to how the cable got there. It is supposed at some time or another to have been used as a logging cable. The people at the Corvallis foundry say the value of the find is about \$100.

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Wanted.

Wood. Inquire at Times office.

GOOD NATURED DEAF MUTE.

He Sells Extracts and Writes Stories—Two of his Brief Ones.

E. E. Ellsworth is a deaf-mute who makes periodical trips to Corvallis and sells extracts. Contrary to the rule in such cases, he is good natured and has no claim on the world other than those to which all men are entitled. He is a man of few words rarely indulges in the incivility of pressing himself forward to listen to a private conversation. He bestows upon the lady who declines to buy his goods, the same smile which his liberal patrons receive, an evidence that his heart is in the right place.

In his travels Mr. Ellsworth makes the best of his remaining senses. He remembers what he learns, and gives newspaper men a pointer now and then. Here are a couple of brief stories with which he favors The Times:

I want to tell you something about how they do things in Arkansas. Were you ever there? But it don't make any difference to me whether you have been or not, only this incident may not be a surprise to you if you know Arkansas. I was traveling through that state some time ago and stopped over night at a cabin. Next morning when I got up, there was nobody about the house. But later I located the family and a good-sized assemblage on the bank of a river a short distance away. Somebody had found the remains of a man who had been drowned, and the gathering was subjecting the corpse to a coroner's inquest. On the remains were found, among other things, \$63.75 and a revolver. The judge found the dead man guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and fined him \$63.50. Half of the fine went to the judge and half to the man who found the body. The sum of 25 cents was sent East to the folks.

This is about a deaf man who got his hearing in a manner for which no medicine man can claim the credit.

"How do you do, Mrs. McCarty?"

"Doing fine, Mrs. O'Tool. How are you?"

"Never felt better in my life."

"And tell me, how is your deaf brother getting on?"

"Oh, I think he is some better now, and he will be all right in the morning."

"You don't say! What is 'helping him so much?'"

"Well you see, he got arrested a while ago, and the police judge said he would give him his hearing in the morning. I suppose there is some other new invention out that works miracles."

TEE MARE WON.

Poem About It—Fourth in Alsea—Rev. Emery Was Here—Other News

Following are the subjects to be discussed at the tent meetings: Wednesday evening: "Shall we Know Each Other in Heaven." Thursday evening: "Ten Corvallis Reasons why I shall not be a Christian." Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. meeting for women only, subject, "The Power of Woman."

Rev. and Mrs. Emery visited in Corvallis from the 3rd to the 6th, leaving for Portland on Monday. Mrs. Emery will be with her brother J. A. Finley, for a week, but Mr. Emery will leave the city in time to go directly home to fill an appointment on the 8th. Mrs. Emery will return to Corvallis for a brief time before going to California.

Accounts agree that the celebration at Alsea Saturday was a success. It was the joint product of the Modern Woodmen, the Grange and the schools of the vicinity. A leading feature was a table 100 feet long loaded with edibles fit for the palate of epicureans. Other features were a literary and musical program and addresses by M. A. Miller of Lebanon, T. T. Vincent and J. B. Irvine of Corvallis, and an address of welcome by Marion Hayden. After the programme and addresses, there were foot races, and contests of various kinds.

Another race took place Monday evening between George Brown's horse and Gene Tortora's bay mare. The previous one was a mile race and the contest was a tie. The last one was a half mile \$10 aside and the mare won easily. Gene rode his own animal and Ned Smith rode for Brown. The horse was a hot favorite before the race and only a small amount of money changed hands. From the discussion and suggestion which followed the events a poem has been evolved by the sports from which the following is an extract.

On Monday eve a furious race Was run in Avery's "pastor," Where Tatora said to "Farmer" Smith, "Come on a little faster."

WHERE THEY WENT.

Corvallisites on the Fourth—Rain Mud and a High Dive at Albany.

Corvallisites went towards all points of the compass to spend the Fourth. A considerable number went to Alsea, and a few traveled to Sodaville, where there was a grange picnic. The main contingent, however, went to Independence and Albany. A motor special left Corvallis for Independence at eight, and carried all the passengers it could accommodate. Others went to the same town on the noon train, and all returned in the evening. The celebration at Independence was highly successful and all who attended it report a pleasant time. Two trains took people who wanted to go to Albany. The first left at 10.30 and carried three coaches well filled with passengers. It was the regular Yaquina train an hour ahead of time. It returned later, and left Corvallis at 11.30 carrying another large contingent of passengers. In addition, many people from various parts of the county journeyed to Albany by private conveyance. Many of them on account of rain, returned home early in the afternoon.

At Albany there was not the usual Fourth of July ceremony. Instead, the Carnival shows that had been in the town throughout the week were in full blast at each crossing of the main thoroughfare. The streets and pavements were muddy and sloppy during the afternoon account of occasional driving showers. The crowd was immense, and the explosion of fire-crackers and bombs incessant.

As early as three o'clock in the afternoon visitors fortunate enough to be provided with private conveyance turned their faces homeward. Commissioner Jolly and Jerry Henkle of Philomath were among these, and they rolled out of the noise and rain and mud while the demonstration was at its full height.

A real wonder of the attractions on the street was the high dive in which a man in pink tights climbed a ladder to the height of eight feet, jumped off backwards, turned two somersaults, and alighted feet foremost in a tank of water. He did the stunt three times on Saturday, each time appearing on the edge of his tank within a few seconds after his perilous leap. The feat is hazardous in the extreme, and those who saw it are all glad that they did not see the performer in that ultimate and inevitable leap when something will go wrong, and he makes his last high dive.

BIG SHOOTING MATCH ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.

It was the Only Entertainment in Corvallis that Day—Prizes Awarded—Individual Scores, Totals and Averages.

The shooting contests arranged for by local sportsmen last Saturday proved to be one of the most interesting affairs of the kind witnessed in our city. Quite a number of visiting shooters were present and took part in the various events. The day was disagreeable and windy and accounted for the low percentage of the participants, but every match was close and the contests for a number of special prizes were not decided until the program was completed.

The different purses were pretty evenly divided, everyone securing more or less of the moneys. The Club cleared \$11.40 above the expense of the day, which amount we understand is to be applied on the erection of a shooting stand for the Gun Club.

Mr. Gibson acted as official scorer for the meet and filled this position most efficiently.

Only those contestants who shot through seven of the first nine events were eligible for the special prizes offered for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd lowest percentage and the average percent figured from these matches as the last two were extra events made up after the regular program was finished.

Callahan made the per cent, but he only entered three events. Emery scored the highest number of breaks out of the 117 targets shot at but his gain was made in the last event which did not count on the general average.

Rennie and Newton, tied for first honors and divided the cash prize of \$5.

Kiger, 2nd, won the \$5 platinum photos donated by Emery.

Emery, 3rd, won the \$3.50 nickleed reel donated by R. M. Wade & Co.

Smith, lowest average, won the 50 shells donated by J. R. Smith & Co.

The individual scores and average per cent of each shooter is given in the following table. The figures at the top of the column give the number of targets shot at, and figures opposite the names, the number broken:

Targets	6	10	10	10	10	15	10	10	20	6	10	73	66.33
Rennie	5	7	8	6	6	10	5	7	13	1	5	73	66.33
Newton	4	6	7	7	7	10	7	6	13	1	7	75	66.33
Kiger	-	8	8	9	7	9	5	6	11	4	7	67	66.31
Emery	3	7	8	8	5	10	5	5	16	1	7	76	65.33
Burnett	3	6	6	7	5	6	8	6	15	2	7	73	63.33
Elgin	5	5	9	7	7	9	5	6	11	2	9	65	62.33
Mc Reynold	5	7	3	6	6	8	6	6	14	4	7	71	59.4
Kerr	3	6	9	3	5	7	5	4	13	4	5	45	56.3
Ed Smith	4	5	3	3	7	7	6	4	13	4	5	42	46.4
Bicknell	-	5	8	8	8	8	8	4	13	6	6	48	60.0
Avery	4	6	8	2	4	11	4	6	11	11	4	42	60.0
Frick	3	4	7	4	4	7	7	5	4	7	22	54.4	
Curran	4	6	8	2	4	11	7	5	4	7	22	40.0	
Callahan	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	7	7	20	66.66	
LeVaugh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	40.0	
Hulburt	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	54.0	
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	63.33	
Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	50.0	
Harding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	60.0	
Ned Smith	2	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	31.2	
Locke	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6	30.0	

REWARDS OFFERED.

For Little Garnet McCready Who is Still Missing—The River Theory.

The search for little Garnet McCready, who disappeared nearly a week ago, is still unrewarded. In the minds of about all people there is now a settled conviction that the child is in the river. The father is an unwilling convert to this theory. He said Saturday every other theory, after being investigated, seems impossible. It has been definitely learned that none of the strange people in town on the day of the disappearance, were gypsies. All, indeed who left the vicinity on that day were headed off by the authorities, and satisfactory explanation of their movement secured.

With this information at hand, and after various and oft-repeated examination of every spot in the vicinity of the disappearance, the one and only theory that affords rational explanation for the continued absence of the little girl, is the Willamette with its ever present willingness to swallow up the helpless in its waters. In consequence, the search in other directions has been abandoned, and attention now confined exclusively to the river. A constant patrol is maintained below the point where the child was last seen. An especially sharp lookout is now kept for bodies are supposed under ordinary conditions to rise in about nine days after death by drowning. If the water is warm they come to the surface sometimes sooner; if cold, even a longer period is required.

A circumstance favorable to an early rising of the body, if little Garnet is really in the water, is the low stage of the river. If the water were high currents would be stronger and more or less sand would be washed into the clothing with the effect that the body would be held longer under the surface. This, with the apparent advent of warmer weather suggests that within the next few days the river may give up its dead, if dead it has.

For the body a reward of \$60 is offered, from funds contributed for the purpose by citizens. An additional reward of \$200 has been posted for the recovery of the child, if alive. The latter is offered by the father with a view of stimulating watchfulness for little Garnet, in case she has been stolen.

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Pure bred Jersey cow, 4 years old, also complete set encyclopedia Britannica. Inquire at residence on Jefferson street corner of Sixth. Cal Thompson.

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To the Public,

I have leased my truck for the period of one year to L. F. Wooster, who will engage in the truck business. I thank my patrons for past favors, and bespeak for my successor a liberal patronage. I have taken the office in the Fisher brick, over the postoffice, formerly occupied by F. P. Morgan, and shall engage in the real estate, renting, loan and insurance business. I shall be glad to have owners list with me, property that they have for sale, or houses they have to rent.

G. A. Robinson, Corvallis.

Administrator's Sale.

In the Matter of the Estate of L. M. Mattoon, deceased. Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of an order of sale made by the County Court of the state of Oregon, for Benton County on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1903, in the above entitled matter the undersigned as administratrix of the Estate of L. M. Mattoon, deceased, will from and after the 13th day of July, A. D. 1903, proceed to sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the estate, right, title and interest which the said deceased had at the time of his death in and to the following described real property, to-wit: The East half of the Northeast Quarter, the North half of the Southeast quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Seven; and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Eight; and all that portion of the Northwest quarter of Sec. 8, T. 11, S. R. 7 W. lying West of the middle of the County road from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay running through said Section; all in Township 11 South Range 7 West Will Mer. in Benton County, Oregon, and containing about 250 acres. Also Lots numbered one(1) and two(2) in Block No. two(2) in the town of Summittville, Benton County, Oregon. Dated this June 10th, 1903. EMMA A. MATTOON, Administratrix of the Estate of L. M. Mattoon, deceased.

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