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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM
It is no small duty which confronts the voters of Oregon between now and the November election if they are to vote intelligently upon the many important legislative measures submitted to them. With the privileges of the referendum comes also a great responsibility.
It is to assist in the understanding of the more important measures that the People's Forum has been established here and judging from the attendance and interest shown at the initial meeting Friday it is assured that the organization will perform a valuable public service in this county. Different measures will be taken up at the six meetings between now and election. The discussions will be opened by regularly designated speakers after which an opportunity will be given for general debate.
The movement here is in line with the Oregon system which, by referring proposed legislative measures to the people, constitutes them the lawmaking body of the state.

TRAINING OREGON GIRLS
'A mother who trains her daughter for a 'society bud' will regret it in after years, and most surely the young lady herself will regret it in her maturer years; but the mother who trains and teaches her daughter to become a good mother and housewife will later be loved, respected and venerated by that daughter, as the latter herself reaps the benefit of the training and teaching in after years' says an editorial in a recent number of the Myrtle Point Enterprise.
In connection with the excerpt given above it is further pointed out that one woman in her home can do far more for the uplift of humanity than did a thousand frantic suffragettes in London, who, in smashing windows, made material for sensational stories in the yellow journals of the world.
With the reopening of another school year the people of Oregon are reminded of the service being performed by the O. A. C. in training up young girls with a right conception of the duties of womanhood. This institution is each year graduating a large class of young women prepared to administer efficiently to a wholesome, happy home. The O. A. C. does not pretend to educate young women for careers as suffragettes of the militant type, but it is performing a service which is a thousand times more valuable to the State of Oregon.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION
With the national election less than six weeks away, there is a notable absence of any clearing of the political atmosphere and many voters are finding it hard to make a choice.
Taft's support has probably remained much the same ever since the convention. All of the old-line, dyed-in-the-wool Republicans are with him because they believe that, whatever may have been his shortcomings, in him as President lies the safest and most conservative promise of continued prosperity. They regard Taft as the safe and sane candidate and will vote for him because they believe that his election will be most likely to insure favorable business conditions.
Roosevelt's following includes the radical, or, as they prefer to be called, the 'progressive' element of the country. They believe that industrial and political conditions are such as to demand the leadership of a radical reformer, one who can swing the

big stick and champion the cause of the people against the big interests and political corruption in high places. In Roosevelt they see such a man.
It is unfortunate, perhaps, that Taft and Roosevelt represent the two extremes rather than the happy mean, politically speaking. Taft, on account of his long judicial experience, is by nature extremely conservative and although having the best of ultimate intentions, might not be able to meet the demands of the people for quick and energetic action. On the other hand it is reasonable to believe that Roosevelt, on account of his well-known characteristics, might take the bit in his teeth and go further than the welfare of the country would justify.
Wilson, although conceded to be an eminent scholar and able economist, is to some extent at least an unknown quantity when considered as a candidate for the Presidency. He has in his favor the fact that although he is known to be progressive, he is not an extremist. Although a believer in free trade, his conservative tendencies are relied upon by many to prevent his advocating too sweeping reductions. His tariff policy meets the approval of a large element among the voters of the country. Although to some extent a theorist, he is believed to be free from political strings and is probably the most independent candidate of the three. However, despite the many years that he has occupied a public position, Wilson is still more of an unknown quantity than either of his opponents. Then, too, he has few of the qualities which make for personal popularity. His greatest support will come from the fact that he apparently represents the mean between two extremes. The fact that it is a 'Democratic year' will also be in his favor.

2012 APPLE CROP
It is probable that the apple crop of 1912 will be one of the best harvested in the last few years. Prices will likely range somewhat lower, but there is no need of getting hysterical over the apple crop this season and selling really first-class apples at extremely low prices. Just now apple buyers are busy making wild estimates. The crop is indeed a good one, but not by any means the best this country has ever produced.
One of the favorable indications that growers are not going to be stampeded into a grand rush to sell at the beginning of harvest is the report from so many who are going to put their fruit in storage, especially here in Hood River. More growers have sprayed effectively this year than formerly and there will be lots of magnificent apples harvested. There will likewise be lots of miserable stuff thrown on the market from other sections early in the season that will lower the opening prices. Local selling agencies, while not jubilant over the prospects, believe that prices later in the season for the high grade fruit produced and packed here will bring satisfactory prices. The two things they are now urging are that the best possible pack be made and also that growers be content to place fruit not immediately marketable into storage and wait for the improved conditions after the inferior fruit of other sections has been cleaned out of the way.
Down in California up-to-date farmers are catching millions of grasshoppers with vacuum cleaners mounted on light sleds and pushed over the alfalfa, and then drying the grasshoppers and sacking them for chicken feed. One has to be swift to keep up with modern progress.

A minister says he takes off his hat when he votes. It's a better plan to put on a thinking cap.

Notice to Taxpayers
The last half of the 1911 taxes will be delinquent the first Monday in October. T. F. JOHNSON, Tax Collector.

Invents Handy Sewing Table
J. S. Simonton, who lives on Pine street, a cabinet maker and joiner, has invented a sewing table which is distinctively new and one which should be handy for dressmakers and housewives. The table is so constructed that it can readily be raised or lowered for use either sitting down or standing up. This is done by means of hinged elbows which, when shut, are folded beneath the table. The table is firm on its feet and substantial in construction. Mr. Simonton has applied for a patent and intends to place the table on sale soon in local hardware stores.

Oregon Agricultural College
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