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**THE COUNTY JUDGESHIP**

For the position of county judge the News believes that George R. Castner, the present incumbent, is the logical candidate. When Judge Culbertson resigned Governor West selected Mr. Castner from among several whose names had been presented and gave him the appointment. Mr. Castner has fulfilled the duties of the office in a capable manner. He has "made good," and for this reason if for no other the News believes that he merits election.

Judge Castner has been a resident of Hood River county for almost 20 years. For a number of years he served the county as fruit inspector. He is thoroughly familiar with every section of the valley and is very well qualified to administer the duties of the office in an impartial and efficient manner. He is also situated that he can give his time and attention to the county's affairs without the interference of personal or professional business.

Judge Castner is running as an advocate of good roads. This is his pledge and he is well fitted to carry it out economically and effectively. It will be particularly important that the county judge in office during the next four years be one who has a practical knowledge of road building. If favorable action is taken at the coming election upon the bills permitting counties to bond for roads, Hood River will probably enter upon a road-building campaign in the near future. It is therefore essential that the county judge should be a man who can be depended upon to make a judicious expenditure of the funds thus placed in the hands of the county court.

In the person of the county judge is found the official representative of the county and the qualifications of the candidates in this respect may properly be taken into consideration.

In his conduct of the office thus far Judge Castner has fully justified the confidence placed in him by Governor West and by the citizens who recommended him for the office.

**HOOD RIVER WOULD LOSE**

Adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 by the voters next month would lead to the transferring every year of approximately \$20,000 in taxes from Hood River county to the state, according to those who are familiar with the change contemplated by the measure.

The change in the system of taxation provided for by the bill would mean that such public service corporations as railroads would be taxed directly by the state. The state would then deduct from the taxes so collected sufficient money to pay the county's assessment for state purposes. The balance of the taxes would go into the state treasury.

Hood River county would be particularly affected by the bill, if it is passed, on account of the valuable railroad property here. The O.-W. R. & N. now pays to Hood River county in taxes every year about \$35,000. Hood River's assessment for state purposes averages about \$15,000 a year. The result would be that a source of revenue amounting to about \$20,000 a year would be withdrawn.

It is declared that the measure would force up local levies amazingly in school districts, cities and counties through which railroads pass. Advances of two to five mills would be the rule, it is predicted, and increases of from 10 to 15 mills not unusual. At the same time the re-

duction of the state levy would be slight—only one or two mills.

The measure would work the greatest hardship upon those counties in which there is railroad property. Hood River is one of these. The injustice of the law is apparent when it is realized that thousands of dollars are paid to the railroads by residents in this county every year. A portion of this sum is at present returned in taxes. The proposed new system would impose upon the county heavy financial loss.

For the information of voters it is stated that the law as it will appear on the ballot will read as follows:

"For an amendment of Section 1, Article IX, of the Oregon Constitution, providing for a uniform rule of taxation, except on property specifically taxed, providing for the levy and collection of taxes for state purposes and for county and other municipal purposes upon different classes of property, etc."

To defeat the bill vote "305 X No."

**WHY HE CHOSE WISCONSIN**

Colonel Roosevelt's assailant chose for his contemptible deed a state in which capital punishment has been abolished. It is said that Schrank had followed his intended victim through several states before reaching Wisconsin and there attempting the assassination.

To Oregonians, who are to vote at the coming election upon the proposition of abolishing capital punishment in this state, the attempted assassination should have an especial significance. It was only natural for such a coward to seek to preserve his neck from the rope and if capital punishment had been in effect in Wisconsin the deed might never have been perpetrated.

W. R. Winans declares that the proposed fish ladder at the Punch Bowl is going to destroy the scenic beauty of that spot. He says that a considerable portion of the rock must be blasted away to make room for the fish ladder. Mr. Winans further says that the state fish and game officials have an eye only for the fish but that citizens who appreciate the beautiful should take steps to preserve this spot intact if possible.

Washington women have disproved the assertion sometimes made that women take no interest in politics. At a recent Republican rally held at Bucoda seven women, each of whom was more than 80 years old, occupied seats of honor on the platform.

The expense of buying a lot before building a home was saved by the local groom who built a houseboat on the river.

**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 5, 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 amendments 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 overuse 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 supposed 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 fanatic 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 justice 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 only given it 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 all 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 of legislation 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 must have real merit and that there must be an actual demand for 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

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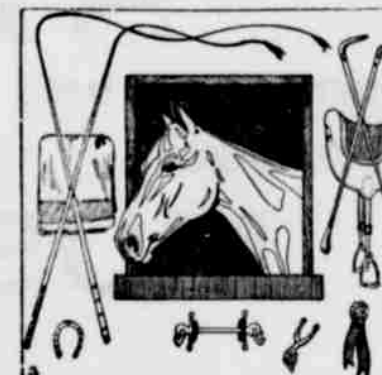
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