

DIDN'T CLEAR UP MUCH

BILL FOR APPLICATION OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM. Does Not Guard Against Improper Signatures, and Is Open to Criticism in Other Respects.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special)—There is probably no man who will undertake to say he fully comprehends the effect of the initiative and referendum amendment. Certain parts of it, if it is a valid amendment to the constitution, appear to be plain. Discussion is still being had without a conclusion having been reached upon the question as to whether or not the amendment is effective without the assistance of legislation in the matter of the reference of legislation to the people and in the initiative of legislation by the people.

It would seem, however, that the position that legislation is necessary to make the amendment effective on these points is the better one, and at any rate that is the one most favored. For this purpose a bill has been prepared, which will go before the Legislature for criticism, with a provision providing a form of petition for referendum and the initiative, with an affidavit for the proof of the qualifications of the signers.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—The adherents of Harold Preston's candidacy for the United States Senate have called a mass meeting to be held in this city tomorrow night for the purpose of demanding that the delegation in the Legislature from this county subordinate all else to Preston's candidacy. It is proposed to demand that the Legislature pass an alliance with the railroad commission men in return for their support of the King County candidate. It is believed by Preston's managers that this alliance will effect his election.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—Major Mills, of the United States Engineer Corps, today opened bids for the dredging of the channel at the mouth of the Puyallup River, as follows:

Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, 5.67 cents per cubic yard, or a total of \$12,070; R. A. Perry, 6.44 cents, or \$13,240; Seattle Bridge Company, 10.75 cents, or \$22,750; Pacific Coast Dredging & Reclamation Company, 11 cents, or \$23,000.

RAILROAD CONDUCTOR ROBBED. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 20.—Word was brought to this city today of a hold-up at Walla Walla last night. F. Minor, a conductor on a Washington & Columbia River excursion train, was assaulted from behind, knocked senseless and robbed of his money and watch. The robbery took place as the conductor was passing a row of freight cars. He was brought to Walla Walla for medical attendance, and will recover.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—A meeting of the freight board of the North Pacific lines was held here today. The schedule rates heretofore in force, with a few changes in the commodity list, was renewed and ordered printed. The business efforts made to guard the rates and prevent fraud, that all rules and safeguards should be thrown down by this amendment.

THE bill further provides that the petition shall be filed by the Secretary of State, who shall decide judicially upon the legality of the petition, and from his decision, the bill says:

Either the petitioners or the respondent, if any, may appeal to the Supreme Court of the state from the decision of the Secretary of State and the decision of the Supreme Court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. The appealing parties shall serve upon the Secretary of State a written notice of the decision, and the Secretary of State shall copy of his decision, together with the original papers and documents upon which said decision was made.

It will be noticed that the records are sent in toto from the Secretary of State's office to that of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, leaving no record with the Secretary of State and no provision for their return upon decision.

The bill further provides that the Secretary of State shall furnish the County Clerk, at the time he certifies the names of the candidates for state and district offices with the numbers and names of the various measures to be voted upon at the ensuing general election, and he must prepare a title to the act, not to exceed 20 words, unless the measure is a bill, in which case the title shall not exceed 20 words.

There are further provisions in regard to the title to be given to the measure. The bill provides that if there are two conflicting measures a majority of the total number of votes will make the bill or which they are cast effective, and then the question comes up whether or not the bills are conflicting.

The bill provides for filing pamphlets and arguments with the Secretary of State and compelling the Secretary of State to distribute these pamphlets to the County Clerks of the various counties. Pamphlets are to be of uniform size, and the Secretary of State shall not be obliged to receive any pamphlet which is not so distributed to supply one to every legal voter in the state, and shall cause one copy of each of said pamphlets to be bound with the copy of the measure submitted to him. These pamphlets must be distributed before the second Monday in the third month before the general election, and the registration officers are required to deliver one to each voter when he registers. It would seem ridiculous to have a registration of voters to vote upon amendments to the constitution when a man, or a few men, who have no right to amend the constitution, may propose amendments to the constitution. This is a democracy run wild.

The bill further provides that the vote shall be canvassed as in other votes, and the Governor shall issue a proclamation declaring the vote and announcing the result. The bill further provides a penalty for violation of the provisions of the bill, which is not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment in the Penitentiary not exceeding two years, or both.

The seriousness of methods of government seem to have been entirely overlooked by the framers of this bill, and all its traditions are cast overboard by it. It appears that the bill practically repeals the constitution, gives away the institutional government, makes it possible for any act to be passed in a whirlwind of excitement, and it must be remembered that the bill is not to be amended before any such petition should be allowed to be filed every signer should be voted, as the vote of an elector is now given in, or at any rate, by two competent signers of affidavits giving requisite data as to knowledge of qualifications of electors. The constitutional amendment voters that the petition be signed by voters.

VALIDITY OF THE AMENDMENT. It seems advisable that the question of a validity of the initiative and referendum amendment should be decided at once, and the importance of the matter is, no doubt, attract a thorough investigation. Article II, section 2, of the constitution, reads as follows:

Section 2. If two or more amendments shall be submitted in such manner that the electors may vote for or against each of such amendments separately, and while an amendment or amendments which shall have been agreed upon by the Legislature shall be awaiting the action of a Legislative Assembly, or of the electors, no additional amendment or amendments shall be proposed.

The resolutions covering constitutional amendments since 1889 are as follows: Senate joint resolution No. 4, "Municipal indebtedness," adopted 1893 and 1895; submitted at election in 1890; rejected. Senate joint resolution No. 7, "Equal Franchise," adopted 1895 and 1899; submitted at election in 1890; rejected.

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LUCAS MAKES A VISIT

PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHWEST LEAGUE IN PORTLAND. Comes With Manager McCloskey to Look Into Affairs of Portland Baseball Club.

President W. H. Lucas, of the Pacific Northwest League, accompanied by J. J. McCloskey, manager of the Butte club, arrived in Portland at 3 o'clock this morning. It is understood that Lucas and McCloskey are here to look into the position held by Manager Jack Grim, and to assist him in any way possible to hold the fight against the Pacific Coast League team.

Messrs. Lucas and McCloskey have been on a trip from Spokane three days, visiting Seattle and other points on the way, and will probably return to Spokane from Portland. It is stated that Manager Grim has a number of good men signed for the Webfoote team for 1903, and that his work will meet with the approval of President Lucas.

IN THE BASEBALL WORLD. Grounds on East Side Soon to Be Improved. Nothing as yet has been done toward the improvement of the grounds leased from the Hawthorne estate for the Pacific Northwest League, though it is understood that work may be commenced on the improvement of the grounds.

Manager Vignen made a good move when he signed Jay Andrews for the Portland Coast team for the season of 1903, and the infield of the home team will be greatly strengthened by the addition of the ex-Spokane manager. It seems that trouble has been brewing between Andrews and Garrett, president of the Spokane club, from the first, and when the Portland association made an offer of \$50 per month, it was too good an inducement, and Jay accordingly jumped on the spot.

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It is regretted the delay of the St. Louis, officials of the American Line in London contend there was absolutely no danger whatever, according to a London dispatch to the Tribune. One of the company's representatives here stated that the boilers were in perfect condition when the St. Louis left Cherbourg, and there was no reason to suspect that anything would go wrong with the machinery on the voyage.

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New York and Brooklyn Block Settlement of Baseball War. CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—The National Baseball League today had the hearing of the injunction cases at Philadelphia postponed until Friday, so as to continue consideration of the conference report on terms of agreement with the American League at this adjourned annual meeting. Although every effort was made for a settlement, no agreement was reached. The New York and Brooklyn Clubs refused to vote, and in two cases it was 5 to 2, when Boston voted with New York and Brooklyn.

It is believed that the vote on ratification after the injunctions were disposed of will be 6 to 2, and it is stated that a vote of three-fourths of the members is sufficient, although there have been claims that a full vote is necessary on such propositions.

After being in session all day, the committee of the whole concluded its work, and adjourned until tomorrow, when a majority and minority report will be presented, one by President Herrmann, of Cincinnati, and the other by President Brush, of New York.

NEW OFFER TO FEATHERWEIGHTS. Corbett and McGovern May Fight in Rhode Island. NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Under the auspices of the Scituate Athletic Club, of Scituate, R. I., young Corbett and Terry McGovern may battle for the featherweight championship of the world at an early date. Negotiations between the principals and club officials are now going on, and everything points to all concerned agreeing upon terms.

John Robinson, representing the Scituate Athletic Club, has offered Corbett and McGovern a purse of \$10,000, but the former and the latter's manager preferred a percentage agreement. The Rhode Island matchmaker said that he would present the percentage proposition to his associates and give an answer before next Saturday.

Object to Remarks of Lucas. The directors of the Portland Baseball Association of the Pacific Coast League object to the remarks made yesterday by President Lucas at Seattle concerning the jumping of Jay Andrews from Spokane. It is stated that the directors of the Portland association made an offer of \$50 per month, it was too good an inducement, and Jay accordingly jumped on the spot. Garrett says he has another good manager to fill the vacant position. Andrews, though he will not make his name public.

Lewis Thorndyke, who has signed with Spokane, will probably not jump to the Seattle Coast team, as was reported recently. Parke Wilson made Thorndyke an offer, and he was urged by his friends to accept, but the Seattle manager did not care to break his word with Garrett, and will no doubt stick to the Bunchgrasses.

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Bills for Army Maneuvers. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Secretary Root has approved bills pending in Congress which provide for the establishment of camps for joint maneuvers of the regular Army and the National Guard near Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Douglas, Utah, and on the Naciminto Ranch, California.

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