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RESULTS UNDER THE INITIATIVE.

That old-time friend and amiable critic of The Oregonian, the Portland Labor Press, appears to find satisfaction in the declaration that among the recent initiative measures submitted to the electorate this paper "affirmed six measures, of which five were defeated." The statement is not correct.

Amid the constant fire of exaggerated criticism and extravagant abuse directed toward The Oregonian, it has observed no one who has been bold enough to affirm that the purposes of the initiative were properly served by making it the vehicle through which a great mass of miscellaneous and local legislation was to be enacted or rejected.

The public knows that the counsel of The Oregonian was sound, for the results are an ample demonstration that it was faithfully, intelligently and discriminatingly followed. Twenty-four or twenty-five of the thirty-two measures are rejected. Among them are female suffrage, prohibition, proportional representation, and many others.

The recent experience of Oregon in being confronted with the onerous task of deciding so many things at one time opens again the entire subject of the initiative. We think it will be agreed on all sides that the initiative, if it is to be maintained as a vehicle or instrument for expression of the popular will as to desired laws, must be protected from foolish invasion or reckless subversion of its unlimited opportunities.

There are other limitations which The Oregonian thinks may be justly placed on the initiative without disturbing its proper function of being a Legislature through which no measure may be able to place on the statute books constitutional amendments or laws which the Legislature may have failed or refused to enact.

Some of the measures possessing real merit which are to come before the Pacific Coast Congress which meets in San Francisco this week have got into very bad company. If they are permitted to remain there, they may suffer the fate of "Old Dog Tray."

From the number of ship subsidy advocates who are on the programme, there are appearances that measures of real worth, like the Panama-Pacific Exposition and a Pacific battleship fleet, are being used as rollers on which to slide the nefarious ship subsidy.

ed to overlook such an opportunity for bringing it into prominence. The Pacific Coast population, almost by main force, is in favor of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. It is equally well united regarding the necessity for a fleet of battleships in Pacific waters.

JUST A "ROUGH-HOUSE" AFFAIR. After all is said and done, and all explanations that can be offered are in doubt, the fact remains that the "rough-house" raised at Corvallis at the close of the football game between the teams of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College was a disgrace to the participants, except as they acted upon the discipline.

What has become of the time-honored maxim that the serious game measure teaches self-restraint and manliness? The progress of the world does not depend half so much upon the discovery of new forces as upon putting old ones to new uses.

MONEY LAUNDRIES. The progress of the world does not depend half so much upon the discovery of new forces as upon putting old ones to new uses. Aviation does nothing more startling than this. It merely applies the energy of the airplane to a novel device after the same manner as has been used for thousands of years to turn windmills and drive ships.

Portland's Financial Strength. Portland's National banks, in a report to the Controller of Currency, show an increase in deposits of more than \$3,700,000, as compared with the same date last year.

While there has been some increase in loans and discounts, the surplus of the National banks is still in excess of 40 per cent, although the legal requirements are but 25 per cent. The showing is one that can hardly fail to attract attention to the city.

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but true, that every community has a number of chronic "knockers" who are always ready to find fault. It will warrant the investment of any money. When the political atmosphere is clear and the great staples which Oregon produces in practically unlimited quantities are selling at high prices, the murmur of the "knockers" is drowned in the roar of industry.

THE PRICE OF LOGS. Sawlogs, like practically every other commodity that is bought and sold, have a value that is affected by both quality and supply and demand. For that reason it is not surprising to learn that two sawlogs reported as selling for \$7.50 per thousand were \$7.50 logs and not the No. 1 logs which still command \$10 to \$12 per thousand.

LAST SUMMER, when the Eastern crop-killers and market manipulators were booming the Chicago corn market, the December option was forced up to 70 cents per bushel. Yesterday it sold below 45 cents per bushel.

PRESIDENT ELLIOTT ON APPLES. President Howard Elliott's speech at the opening of the National Apple Show in Spokane, which was a number of points which are important not only to orchardists, but also to everybody who is concerned in the welfare of this section of country.

Following Leo Tolstoy upon what is no doubt his final journey into self-imposed exile, one is at a loss whether to pity or to censure him. Stubborn to a degree that makes it impossible for his family to protect him, even from the hardships of a winter journey.

Probably good food is to be expected from the congress at San Francisco to promote the American merchant marine. It needs promoting if ever anything did. Perhaps the medicine is really needed.

Money is not everything, after all, as per Joe Thompson would have us believe. It is a good thing to have money, but it is not the end of the world.

Home rule, though enacted into Oregon laws November 8, is not new. It has been in force ever since Eve boosed Adam in their home across the pond 4000 years ago.

HELVY TRIAL ON TODAY Oregon City Man Charged With Shooting and Killing G. W. Smith. OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The trial of Curtis Helvey, charged with shooting and killing George W. Smith, will commence tomorrow before Judge Campbell in the Circuit Court. Attorney George C. Brownell will conduct the defense, while the state will be represented by Deputy District Attorney Lavy Stipp.

TWO INCHES OF RAINFALL in Umatilla County has mellowed the soil so that there is still an opportunity for much fall seeding in addition to that which was taken care of before the rain fell. Good rains at seeding time in the fall go far towards carrying wheat through the dry Spring months.

Governor Benson Issues Proclamation to People of State. SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—Governor F. W. Benson this morning issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation in the following words: "Thanksgiving Proclamation: In accordance with the time-honored custom of setting apart one day in the year in remembrance of blessings vouchsafed to us by Almighty God, and in commemoration of the proclamation of William Howard Taft, President of the United States, I, F. W. Benson, Governor of the State of Oregon, by authority in me vested, do hereby designate Thursday, November 24, as Thanksgiving day, and I earnestly recommend that upon that day the people of this state abstain from their usual vocations and repair to their homes or places of worship, there to give grateful thanks to Almighty God for His goodness and loving kindness to us and to all mankind."

UNIVERSITY FILES REPORT Heavy Expenditures Are Made for Buildings and Equipment. SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—According to a report of the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon, filed with the executive offices, this school expended \$33,889 for various tracts of land; \$27,282 for the new gymnasium; and \$12,775 for the new equipment for same; \$475.38 for the women's gymnasium; \$144,073.82 for pay to the regular university, and \$45,627.50 shown as maintenance on hand September 30, 1910.

ELECTION EXPENSES FILED Carl Kelly, Campaign Manager for Lafferty, Spent \$475. SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—For the defeat of assembly candidates and the promotion of the Presidential preference bill, United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., expended \$621.39 and no more, according to a statement filed with the office of Secretary of State today.

BEND ELECTRIC LIGHTED Water Drives New Power Plant in Eastern Oregon Town. BEND, Or., Nov. 15.—Bend now enjoys electric lights. The Bend electric light plant at this place was finished and the electricity turned on for the first time.

WOMAN SUES FOR \$10,125 Litigant Blames Railway Motorman for Her Injuries. Beatrice Anderson brought suit for \$10,125 damages yesterday, alleging that she was injured by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company started an Irvington car while she was alighting at Third and Yamhill streets.

Justice McBride Now 63. SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Associate Justice T. A. McBride celebrated his sixty-third birthday today.

OFFICIAL COUNT IS MADE County Canvassing Board Announces Election Totals. The official count of the vote cast in Multnomah County at the general election, November 8, for state officers has been completed. The count of the vote for a part of the district officers has also been completed.

Representative in Congress. Crawford, William A. 2,912 Lafferty, A. W. 15,242 Pratt, George B. 2,182 Lafferty's lead 12,330 Governor. Bowman, Jay 15,498 McGinnis, John 19,715 Richards, W. S. 1,885 West, Oswald 14,796 West's lead 3,837 Secretary of State. Benson, F. W. 15,582 Davis, N. A. 2,152 Oliver, Turner 2,414 Benson's lead 12,639 State Treasurer. Butler, Leslie 4,897 Kay, Thomas 2,638 Kay's lead 2,259 Justice of Supreme Court, Four-Year Term. Bean, Henry J. 15,417 Bright, C. 2,390 McBride, John 19,715 Myers, J. D. 2,233 Slater, Woodson T. 3,092 McBride's lead over Slater 3,515 Bean's lead over Slater 4,315 Justice of Supreme Court, Six-Year Term. Benson, F. W. 15,582 Jones, T. 2,559 King, Will R. 15,289 Moore, F. 2,392 Rump, E. F. 3,116 Burnett's lead over King 4,196 Moore's lead over King 2,797 Attorney-General. Erik, C. C. 5,142 Crawford, A. M. 23,274 Crawford's lead 18,132 Superintendent of Public Instruction. Alderman, L. R. 17,020 Hinsdale, Gen. A. 4,932 Jones, B. 15,847 Steel, Robert R. 4,111 Alderman's lead 11,908 State Printer. Brandler, George 12,596 Galt, W. H. 15,815 Godfrey, James E. 7,116 Dunaway's lead 3,219 Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops. Curry, S. L. 12,498 Moore, Henry 15,843 Houston, D. L. 7,117 Hoff's lead 3,349 Commissioner of the Railroad Commission of Oregon. McLean, Hugh 9,280 Miller, Frank J. 15,832 Miller's lead 6,552 State Engineer. Koo, John 5,349 Lewis, John H. 23,081 Lewis' lead 17,741 Division Superintendent of Water Division. Calhoun, James T. 24,159 Judge of Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial District, Department No. 1, Multnomah County. Ketchum, John P. 24,692 Judge of Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial District, Department No. 3, Multnomah County. Cleland, John B. 12,506 Galt, W. H. 15,843 McGinnis' lead 4,337 Judge of Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial District, Department No. 5, Multnomah County. Ditchburn, John 19,809 Galt's lead 11,295 Senator, Fourteenth Senatorial District, Clatskanie, Columbia and Multnomah Counties. Baldwin, LeGrand M. 5,739 Malarky, J. 22,277 Malarky's lead 16,538 Representative, Seventeenth Representative District, Clatskanie and Multnomah Counties. Chatter, W. H. 24,153 STATE NOW BLOCKS DEFENSE Testimony in Richardson Murder Trial May Begin Today. Slow progress is being made in the selection of the jury which is to try Aurelius Richardson for murder. It is expected that the jury will be selected by the afternoon of today.

CLOSE RELATION BETWEEN APPLE GROWERS AND TRADES EXPERTS. From a discussion of Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, at the National Apple Show at Spokane. This National Apple Show means much in increasing the production of apples over the world, not as a luxury, but as an important element of daily food.

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