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Special Election Measures. The Oregonian Gives Its Views on Two Charters and Twenty Amendments and Ordinances to Be Considered Saturday, November 3.

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HOW TO CUT OUT PRIVILEGE.

"Cut out privilege," says Wilson. So also says Taft. He not only says it, but does it. The issue in this campaign is not, as Wilson assumes, whether privilege shall be cut out, but how it shall be cut out.

Wilson assumes that any party which does not accept his remedy for the disease is opposed to curing it. He says that the Republican and Progressive parties alike propose "that we shall accept the consequences of the evil developments that have characterized the last decades in this country."

The whole tenor and purpose of Taft's speeches and messages and of his executive acts have been to restore competition by dissolving those corporations and combinations whose purpose or effect is to destroy competition and to keep competition alive by preventing the formation of any more such combinations.

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names would promote public knowledge of geography. Our contemporaries opine that passengers will not lie awake nights to improve their education. Plainly, the Monitor, through its length to which people will go when their zeal for learning is once aroused. We have seen young men maul one another about a muddy field an entire afternoon to advance their mutual education.

FELS' HIRING OF U'REN.

Let us see how gently and easily Mr. U'ren seeks to glide around the exact situation as to his employment by Joseph Fels to promote the single tax in Oregon through the initiative. Mr. U'ren had been East in the year 1909 and upon his return he disclosed the facts about his "arrangement" in the "arrangement" at a meeting of the Single Tax League in Portland in May.

The facts first reached The Oregonian about December, 1910, in a letter written by an Oregon citizen who got his information from Joseph Fels. This was the "U'ren's little deal," and it was certainly the first knowledge given to the general public.

Mr. U'ren made his contract with the benevolent Mr. Fels in 1909. For the campaign of 1910, Mr. H. W. Stone, who is also active in Y. M. C. A. philanthropies and in single tax promotion, filed for the Fels fund a 1910 campaign statement disclosing that the disbursements had been \$15,484.97.

U'ren's office expenses, \$69.48. That is all. Merely office expenses. No salary, no memoranda, no payments, except office expenses. Nothing there to show what U'ren was privately getting, if he was getting anything. But in May of that year (1909) Mr. U'ren had made public his own chosen and well-nourished Single Tax League the fact that he had arranged for \$3000 a year to be given to his law firm.

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and skill as a statesman. He started the new government of the Philippines on its course, wisely settling many ticklish questions by the minimum of friction. As Secretary of War he pacified Cuba and started construction of the Panama Canal.

Taft's skill as a statesman has been thrown into the shade by his shortcomings as a politician, just as Roosevelt's genius as a politician has distracted attention from his shortcomings as a statesman.

SINGLE-TAXER FOR ASSESSOR.

"Didn't he (Henry E. Read) repudiate the primary when Rushlight was nominated for Mayor?" inquires the single-tax newspaper friend of Single-Tax Assessor. "Didn't Mr. Read bring out Joseph Simons as an independent candidate for Mayor, to 'save the city'?"

Some Americans may perhaps suspect that the encouraging reports of the good work done under our authority in the Philippines are colored by official optimism. To all possible suspicions of this sort it might be a good plan to read Werner Frederick Bruck's account of American doings in the Philippines, as published in the Prussian Year Book at Berlin.

The members who are most successful at the pork barrel are those who are most willing to be puppets in the hands of the man at the top of the organization. The man at the top is the one who arranges tariffs and other things.

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desired, and so on. Nothing will be charged except the lecturers' travel expenses. The lectures will be given by those who deliver lectures will give their services freely.

Credit for leadership in the movement for publicity of campaign expenses is claimed for the Democratic Campaign Committee.

STATE MEASURES CONDENSED.

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State Measures Condensed. Advice to Voters Presented in Abbreviated Form. The recommendations of The Oregonian on the measures to be considered at the general election have been founded largely on certain general rules of consideration, as follows:

When in doubt vote "No." Vote "No" on attempts at lawmaking that can be handled by the Legislature. Vote "No" on local issues presented to the state at large.

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The real issue in the special city election Saturday, November 2, is the official commission charter. The Oregonian advocates the defeat of the short charter, the public utilities fraud, and advises a vote of No on several amendments because the substance of them is contained in the official charter draft.

Official commission charter: X 100 Yes. Vote Yes. 101 No. Appropriating \$300,000 to buy Ross Island: X 102 Yes. Vote No. X 103. Vote No.

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Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of October 30, 1862. Governor Gibbs vetoed the bill submitting the seat of Government question to the people, and the bill providing for two auditors of accounts for Marion County on the ground of unconstitutionality.

The Dalles, Or., Oct. 28.—Potatoes are selling here \$2.50 per 60 pounds. St. Louis, Oct. 23.—Colonel Chapman, chief of General Curtis' staff, who has just arrived from Council Bluffs, has 10,000 Indians in Southern Kansas, says they are anxious to fight the rebel Indian regiments in their own way.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—On September 15 Collector Rankin wrote to Governor Andrew, of Massachusetts, commanding by Captain Reed, First Light Dragoons of this city, the company furnishing everything but horses and baggage.

The City Council again failed to transact any business last evening. Three weeks and more have elapsed now without any business appertaining to municipal affairs having been attended to.

WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL GAME. She is Very Apt to Change Rules, Suggests Suffragist. PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—(To the Editor)—Ida M. Tarbell says one of her chief objections to woman suffrage is that "it will take the attention of women from what I believe to be their real civic duties by interesting them in the political game, when they should be concentrating their attention on specific civic work."

No woman can speak with more authority on the fascinations of the "political game" than Ida Tarbell, for she has studied it more closely than any of us can ever hope to do, unless we also choose, as did she, to go out into the world and earn a living in that way.

These bodies of women, over a million strong in the country, have for years been training themselves in everything that is conducive to good citizenship, and they are the agencies through which it will be easy to disseminate political knowledge to all women.

Why should the anti-woman, lest, with equal suffrage, women would be forced to do the political work which men? There will be far less necessity then than now for women to mingle with politicians in the campaign.

MR. UREN'S \$3000 PAY BY FELLS Arranged in 1909 Salary Should Be Given to His Law Firm. OREGONIAN, Oct. 28.—(To the Editor)—Last Sunday The Oregonian asked when I first made public the fact that Jos. Fels was paying my law firm \$3000 a year that I might be free to divide my time at my own pleasure between politics and my law business.

W. S. UREN.