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THE VOTE ON MEASURES.

Only one-third of the measures submitted to the voters Tuesday were successful. The character of those adopted indicates clearly that when the ballot is overloaded direct legislation is occasionally a lottery, but that even with a great mass of legislation before them the people are not ignorant of the fundamental and elemental issues and vote thereon intelligently.

There were some measures defeated that it would have been well to enact, but, as stated prior to election, there was not one of the miscellaneous measures that the state might have adopted that would have been wise to reject. The railroad rate bill should not have been on the ballot. In principle it is reactionary. It is opposed to the progressive trend of thought that has its first and strongest expression in the enactment of the railroad commission law in many of the states of the Union. This act hampers the powers of the Railroad Commission in adjusting rates for the benefit of the whole people.

Colonel Roosevelt's responsibility. Just what great general underlying causes brought on the Republican National disaster Tuesday is a question that Roosevelt, who was responsible for the French revolution. What was it, then?

Tangled in the cyclone. While Governor West contemplates his wounds, and sighs and sighs and sighs over the opacity of a public mind which refuses to receive light on great reforms like the abolition of capital punishment, let him cast an inquiring eye toward Oregon City and take comfort.

The Bull Moose issue. If we were to accept the views of Mr. Elmer Grandin on the future of the Bull Moose party as expressed in a letter to The Oregonian today, it would be necessary to assume that there has been no boomism in the Democratic party or that, if there has been, sufficient virtue in its membership to cause a revolt does not exist.

How lame ducks succeed. Twelve candidates for the State Legislature, lower house, ran in a bunch in Multnomah, and every Republican but one was elected. The one lame duck was overtaken by a Democrat; but certain lame ducks were protected by the companionship of others of the band, and were carried along into office.

a bigger vote than Taft. If Mr. Grandin's theories are correct? Here, also, we have a modern, progressive primary system. It is the proud boast of Oregon that the political boss is reposing in a hermetically-sealed coffin, deep in the political grave yard.

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Pragmatic art standards. With the opening of the Fall exhibitions of pictures in the great art capitals, the eternal question comes up again whether or not the artist should fret over the visions of their imaginations have been asking it ever since the earliest genius among the primitive cave dwellers carved the first mammoth on his war club.

Woman of unhappy experience gives ideas on subject. PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(To the Editor.)—A few questions to the married man who writes to The Oregonian on the subject of being happy, though married.

Stage wives last seven years. Marital happiness of women stars is short lived. The usual term of the stage wife is seven years and seven weeks three days and seventeen hours. A man with a gift for statistics discovered it by putting 20 actresses and 24 divorces together.

Travesty of marriage by thoughtless youths deplored by writer. CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 6.—(To the Editor.)—A jealous husband comes to town and murders the man whom he suspects of intimacy with his runaway wife.

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