

REPLIES COMING IN

Oregon Constitutional Amendments Are Favored.

NO. 2 HAS OPPONENTS

Proposal to Grant People the Right to Call Special Election to Discharge Public Officials Creates Discussion.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Giving the people power to call referendum on state items of appropriation bills without affecting other items and sending the initiative and referendum powers to cities and towns and all electoral districts as to local, special and municipal acts of the Legislature.

Giving the people power to demand resignation of a delinquent officer or to remove him at a special election (imperative mandate).

Giving municipalities power to make and amend their own charters, independently of the Legislature, subject only to the state constitution and the general laws.

Allowing enactment of laws and ordinances by proportional or minority representation; i. e., giving minority parties representation in Legislatures and City Councils in proportion to their voting members.

Allowing the duties and the salary of the State Printer to be regulated by law.

Giving the people exclusive power to create state institutions at other places than at the capital. (The Legislature has set up institutions at other places in violation of the constitution.)

Giving the Legislature power to propose constitutional amendments and requiring the referendum on legislative acts that call for a constitutional convention. (Two successive Legislatures must now propose amendments.)

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special)—Replies are being received by W. S. U'Ren to the circular letter addressed to more than 1000 prominent voters of the state, asking for opinion on the proposed amendments to the Oregon Constitution and as to the advisability of submitting them by initiative petition to the voters next June.

In the replies thus far received the most popular of the proposed amendments are those giving the people the power to discharge any public officer by vote at a special election, and another for allowing the enactment of laws for the election of officers by proportional or minority representation.

Of the 55 who have expressed opinions on these two amendments, 25 indorse the proposed discharge of a public officer, while only 22 approve of legislation providing for proportional representation in the election of officers.

The proposed amendment granting to the people the right to call a special election as a means of discharging a public officer has drawn the greatest discussion and severe criticism. Opposition to this proposed amendment has been presented by men of such prominence in the affairs of the state that the friends of the amendment may decide to revise it to the end that a greater percentage of the voters may sign a petition before a special election can be called for ousting a public official than is required by the present amendment as it is now drafted.

These adverse opinions are from men who, in the main, approve of the proposed legislation, but find it impracticable to indorse the amendment as it is now presented.

Moreland in Opposition. In opposing the amendment providing for a special election for ousting a public official, J. C. Moreland writes from Portland.

almost all the reforms which you have inaugurated already and which you propose in your printed statement, are working admirably in the land of my birth. And even if some of the proposed reforms should not ultimately work well here, why not test them and experiment with them as you so well say? I am in favor of all seven amendments which you suggest in your circular, and also the anti-pass law, not because I am sure of the practicability of all of these suggestions under our constitution, but because they are worthy of a fair test.

"I feel particularly interested in the ultimate victory of your suggestion in favor of proportional representation. I must especially commend your argument after every proposed amendment. They are very concise and convincing."

Initiative Is in Favor. In the 55 replies that have been received, representing all political parties and factions, there is expressed a practically unanimous sentiment favoring the proposed amendments giving the people initiative and referendum power on all local, special and municipal laws, and single items of appropriation bills. Fifty are in favor of granting to the people this right.

Almost equally popular is the proposed amendment for allowing the State Printer's office, duties and salary to be regulated or abolished by law. A great majority of those replying favor the abolition of this office and suggest that this work be done by contract or under the direction of a board consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. So pronounced is the sentiment favoring this proposed amendment, that some of those who originated the movement for these amendments, feel inclined to so amend it as to provide for the abolishment of the office of State Printer before submitting the question for further consideration.

As was expected the sentiment thus far expressed is almost unanimous for the enactment of an anti-pass law. Of 53 opinions on this subject, 50 favor anti-pass legislation. Regarding the pass question, J. A. Fulton, of Astoria, says:

"I favor making it compulsory on the part of transportation companies to give passes to all public officials while they are in office. This will settle the pass question."

"Suffrage for the Immigrants. Mr. Fulton also suggests the need of revising the law to the extent that the right of suffrage be denied foreigners until they have resided here at least five years and have been able to read their own language."

"It is time we of Oregon change our laws so it will require all persons coming into this country from foreign lands to become full citizens before being able to vote. It is time we have laws that require all persons coming into this country from foreign lands to become full citizens before being able to vote. It is time we have laws that require all persons coming into this country from foreign lands to become full citizens before being able to vote."

To date replies have been received from the following: E. K. Seaman, George W. Traylor, E. A. Todd, L. F. Conn, L. M. Travis, Dr. J. S. Bishop, T. P. Hackleman, F. P. Nutting, Richard Montague, Thad W. Vreeland, D. R. Jackson, T. L. Van Orsdel, J. R. Van Winkle, D. M. Brown, Walter L. Towner, E. R. Lake, J. Gaston, Ira C. Powell, George Ogil, P. H. Lund, M. A. Ferguson, Taylor J. Scott, P. A. MacPherson, A. Crofton, Les B. Tuttle, A. H. Decker, James N. Davis, H. Lee Page, F. Dominic, J. A. Fulton, H. P. Brookhart, Fredrick Nolt, J. C. Moreland, John T. Whalley, William E. Apperson, George F. Bonney, W. H. Dator, R. M. Veach, W. C. Bristol, F. S. Field, A. B. Bentley, J. W. Barnes, C. M. Idelman, A. E. Kern, Herbert L. Gill, E. Hofer, T. J. Cleston, S. S. Pentz, Robert G. Smith, J. W. Carrellus, William G. Sperry, James Barr, E. R. Pollock, Adolph Rea, E. P. Carter and C. F. Strain.

The friends of the proposed amendments will hold a meeting soon for the consideration of the replies that are being received. It will then be decided just what amendments shall be submitted to the voters and in what form they shall be presented. When this has been done, an organization will be had for the purpose of conducting a campaign in the interest of the several proposed amendments.

GRAFT TED TO PILING

WAS ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE OF THE COLUMBIA.

Judge McBride Holds Oregon Court Has No Jurisdiction in Case Brought Up.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special)—The decision of Judge McBride last evening in dismissing the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Joseph Burke on the ground of lack of jurisdiction of the court, is one which is expected to have an important bearing on numerous cases in the future.

The alleged assault was admitted by the prosecution to have taken place on a craft tied to a piling, which was driven in the river on the Washington side of the ship's channel, but the act admitting Oregon to statehood gave this state concurrent jurisdiction over the waters of the Columbia River and the prosecution contended that this act gave the Circuit Court of Clatsop County jurisdiction in this case.

The court, however, held differently. In his ruling Judge McBride followed the line of the decision rendered by Federal Judge Hanford and Bellinger in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Charles Wiken, although he went further than did the Federal Judges, and decided a point that has never before been decided by the state courts. The Wiken case was one in which the defendant was arrested for illegally operating a fishtrap in Baker's Bay. He was tried and convicted in a local court, the Federal Court reversing the decision of the lower court and held that the concurrent jurisdiction did not apply to the regulation of fishtraps which are attached to the Washington shore and which only apply in cases where the laws of the two states are identical.

Judge McBride in his ruling last evening concurred with this decision and added that whenever an offense occurs on a vessel that is tied to piling driven in Washington soil the courts of this state have no jurisdiction. Continuing, he said that while the question is a close one, he will adopt a rule that shall obtain in his court in the future of not entertaining any case, either civil or criminal, involving property on the north side of the main bar of the Columbia River—that is, which is the boundary line between the two states, the only exception being instances that arise on water craft that is at the time actually navigating the waters of the Columbia River—that is, a craft which is not attached to any driven pile and is not lying at anchor.

Socket Run Is Over. NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Oct. 7.—(Special)—The run of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River has stopped and the coast are beginning to run. The sockeye season this year has been longer than any season for ten years, and the fishermen have given up trying to solve the reason. They believe, however, that the cobble run, the year will be short, as it is so late in commencing.

GRAZED MAN SHOOTS

Wife Fatally Wounded, Daughter May Recover.

TRIES TO CUT HIS THROAT

Nathaniel Melvin, of Vallejo, Cal., Just Out of Asylum, Attacks Family With Knife, Revolver and Ball Bat.

VALLEJO, Cal., Oct. 7.—(Special)—Declaring that his own family was trying to take his life, Nathaniel Melvin, aged 65 years, for many years foreman calker at the Mare Island navy-yard, and a prominent citizen, shot and fatally wounded his wife and seriously wounded his daughter, Mrs. P. E. Radcliffe, at the family residence in this city this morning. A minute later Melvin took a large breadknife and attempted to cut his throat, but the blade was dull, and the sight of the blood seemed to restore the crazed man to his senses.

Melvin has been an inmate of the Napa Insane Asylum on three different occasions, being released on parole three months ago. Only last week his son wrote a letter to the asylum authorities asking for a permanent discharge for Melvin. This request is still pending.

Melvin secured his son's revolver, a baseball bat and a large breadknife, early this morning. Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Radcliffe had said good-bye to the two sons of the family and Mrs. Radcliffe's husband, who is Boatwain P. E. Radcliffe, of the United States ship station, they started to return to the house. As they did so two bullets from a revolver in the hands of the elder Melvin came through the wall, and a moment later Melvin himself, clad only in his nightgown, and with the smoking revolver in one hand and the knife and baseball bat in the other, tore through the door and stepped out on the front porch of the house.

Mrs. Melvin uttered a scream and fled. As she ran, Melvin fired two shots at her, the first entering her chest and the second into her neck. Mrs. Radcliffe fled to her father for mercy, but he turned her back and, having no other weapon, he fired a bullet in the revolver. The bullet entered Mrs. Radcliffe's breast just below the heart, and striking a rib, took a downward course. It was found later, near the small of the back and removed.

The whole neighborhood was on the scene in a minute, and Melvin rushed back into the house, threatening to kill the first man who entered.

Abel Schuffer, who lives near-by, secured a revolver and entered the house, and found the old man in his own room, attempting to shoot with a large breadknife. The police officers had arrived by this time, and disarmed Melvin and placed him in a strait-jacket.

Mrs. Melvin's condition is critical, and the doctors hold out no hope for recovery. Mrs. Radcliffe is suffering, but hopes for her life are held out. Melvin was taken to the police station, where he was bound and gagged, and later sent to the Napa State Hospital at noon.

GENERAL WISH FOR HARMONY

Many Prominent Marion Republicans Will Attend Conference.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special)—"From the intimate gathering in talking with prominent Republicans of this county, the attendance from here will be large and very enthusiastic for the cause which prompted the calling of the larger conference at Portland, October 12," says Hal D. Patton, state committeeman for Marion County.

"I find a general desire for harmony and unity in the ranks of the party, and a determination to bury all past animosities and factional differences. It seems to be fully realized that the Republican party is much bigger and greater than any large party in the state, and that the principles for which it stands are deserving of the support of every citizen of Republican proclivities. The belief is that principle must be set above men, and that the organization of the party must be with a view to the success of principles rather than individuals."

Marion County Republicans in large numbers will go to this conference, actuated by the motives thus indicated, and it will be my aim to afford every Republican from this county an opportunity to be present and hear the deliberations. To carry out this purpose, I have not only published in the press of this county a general invitation, but have directed each party workers furnished me by the precinct committeemen, personal invitation. I intend going to Portland early in the week and establish a Marion County headquarters, and establish a Republican headquarters as well secure admittance. As there will be an immense crowd, some system will have to be adopted which will insure the largest number of people to be able to give everybody a fair show and a square deal. It will be a grand and successful gathering in every way."

ATTORNEY ENTERS DEMURRER

Jurisdiction of Court Denied in Oregon City Councilmen Case.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special)—City Attorney Franklin T. Griffith today filed a demurrer to the complaint in the injunction suit that was instituted Wednesday to restrain Councilmen John Chapman and Justin from voting on the pending Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's freight franchise. The demurrer sets forth that the court has no jurisdiction of the persons of the defendants or the subject of the suit; that the plaintiff, William Andress, a business man and heavy taxpayer, has no legal capacity to sue, and that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of suit against the defendants, or either of them.

This is the suit brought by interested property-owners and taxpayers to prevent the granting by the City Council of a \$-year freight franchise to the street railway company, to Main street, the only retail business street of the city. The three defendant Councilmen are in the employ of the street railway company, and are advocates of the franchise, which was voted by the legal voters of the city last Saturday by a vote of 122 against 103 for. The suit will be taken up at the regular November term of the Circuit Court, which meets on Monday, November 8.

NEW OREGON INCORPORATIONS

Articles Filed With the Secretary of State at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special)—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar this week as follows: Blue Gravel Mining & Milling Company, principal office Grant's Pass, Or.; capital \$20,000; incorporators, H. A. Corbett, A. J. Williams, W. E. Williams, C. N. Jones and Joseph Bardwell. Register, Publishing Company, Eugene, Or.; \$15,000; W. F. Gilstrap, O. W. Briggs and Earl G. Davis. Progressive Exploration Company, Port-

land; \$100,000; A. H. Whitt, W. H. H. Miller and A. H. Ballard. Clatskanie Transportation Company, Portland; \$20,000; J. W. Shaver, V. Degestedt, O. W. Hoeford and D. C. O'Reilly. The Gilmore Water Power Company, Junction City, Or.; \$200; S. P. Gilmore, Emma E. Gilmore and Eliza Gilmore. Cowitts County Logging Company, Portland; \$25,000; H. L. Powers, John W. Alexander and S. B. Linthicum. Western Concrete & Foundation Company, Portland; \$20,000; George C. Mason, Allen Riley and R. W. Wilbur. Oregon Box & Manufacturing Company, Portland; \$2000; F. P. Sheagreen, B. H. Neer and H. H. Jones. The Coos & Coquille Valleys Railroad Company, Portland; \$100,000; John M. Hodson, Phil Metchan and Henry L. Pittock. Cable Cove Power Company, Sumpter; \$100,000; O. C. Wright, T. C. Gray and E. Ray Jones. The Walla Walla County Fair Association, Lostine, Or.; \$200; S. F. Pace, A. Wade and H. J. Martin. Lucky Gold & Copper Mining Company, incorporated under laws of Arizona; \$200,000; attorney-in-fact, George H. Downs, North Powder, Or. Central Railway of Oregon, incorporated under laws of Maine; \$100,000; attorney-in-fact, Charles E. Cochran, Union, Or. The Sperry & Hutchinson Company, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey; \$50,000; attorney-in-fact, C. E. Brown, Portland. Minnesota & Oregon Land & Timber Company, incorporated under the laws of Minnesota; \$100,000; attorney-in-fact, Willis C. Stearns, Portland.

EDNA LOVES NOT DOGS

HUSBAND CONTENTS THIS IS GROUND FOR DIVORCE.

San Francisco Butcher Alleges His Wife Acts Irrationally When She Sees a Canine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—(Special)—Edna Sorenson does not do as her reputed irrational actions when she saw one or heard dogs talked about was considered too trivial a matter by Judge Hunt to be urged as ground for divorce. However, despite the court's discouragement, Sorenson managed to get in the evidence that his wife had declared that she was not married to him because "it was only a dog license that cost \$2."

Mrs. Sorenson first sued her husband, a butcher, for "legal separation on the ground of neglect, desertion and cruelty. He replied with a cross-complaint in which he averred that dogs were made the burden of a charge of cruelty. The woman and her attorney were in court yesterday but did not say a word in support of her testimony.

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gritto was never confined, as his attorney, George R. Bagley, of Hillsboro, procured his release on a writ of habeas corpus, pending a writ of review before the Circuit Court, on the ground that the city was not authorized under the charter to pass such an ordinance.

Immediately upon his release Reghitto's attorney discovered that the charter of the little village provided that only a person having property upon which he paid a tax was eligible to hold the office of Mayor and Councilman, and earlier proceedings have been filed against Mayor Robinson and Councilman Davies.

Active Railroad Work. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special)—Today George Donald let the contract to Allen & Mathieson for the grading of part of the North Yakima & Valley Railway up the Naches. This firm

will put a force of men at work Monday to commence the work. Mr. Donald says he will have 15 miles of road completed by the end of the month.

The North Coast Railway people are also pushing work rapidly toward the building of a line from here to the Cowitts coal fields. Rights of way are now being secured by this firm and it is said contracts for grading will be let before November 1.

MISS HALE IS NOT IN JAIL Indictment for Embezzlement in Los Angeles is Quashed. LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—Miss Francis Hale, who was arrested in Portland, Or., several weeks ago on a grand jury indictment, charging embezzlement of \$1000 of funds belonging to the Door

of Hope, a charitable organization of this city, was today released from custody on the quashing of the indictment against her.

Miss Hale was arrested in Portland upon the arrival of a steamer from San Francisco and detained until an officer from Los Angeles, who had arrived with requisition papers, had them honored by Governor Chamberlain, when she departed for the Southern city in his charge.

Miss Hale created a sensation in San Francisco by chartering a boat, overhauling the Portland steamer after it had left the Bay City and boarding it near the entrance to the Golden Gate.

Viola Firth, a 12-year-old English girl, has written a volume of verse which has sold more than 3000 copies.

TOMORROW, MONDAY WHILE THEY LAST \$4.50 and \$5.50 Hand-Knit Kimonos at \$1.70 and \$1.90 Two styles in various colors (you can't buy the yarn for the money). Store open at 8 A. M. See them today in our Fifth-street windows. You will have to come early to secure one of these—only one to a customer. Don't get these confounded with the cheap machine-knit Kimonos. These are very rich, fluffy garments; elegant wraps for indoor Winter wear.

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