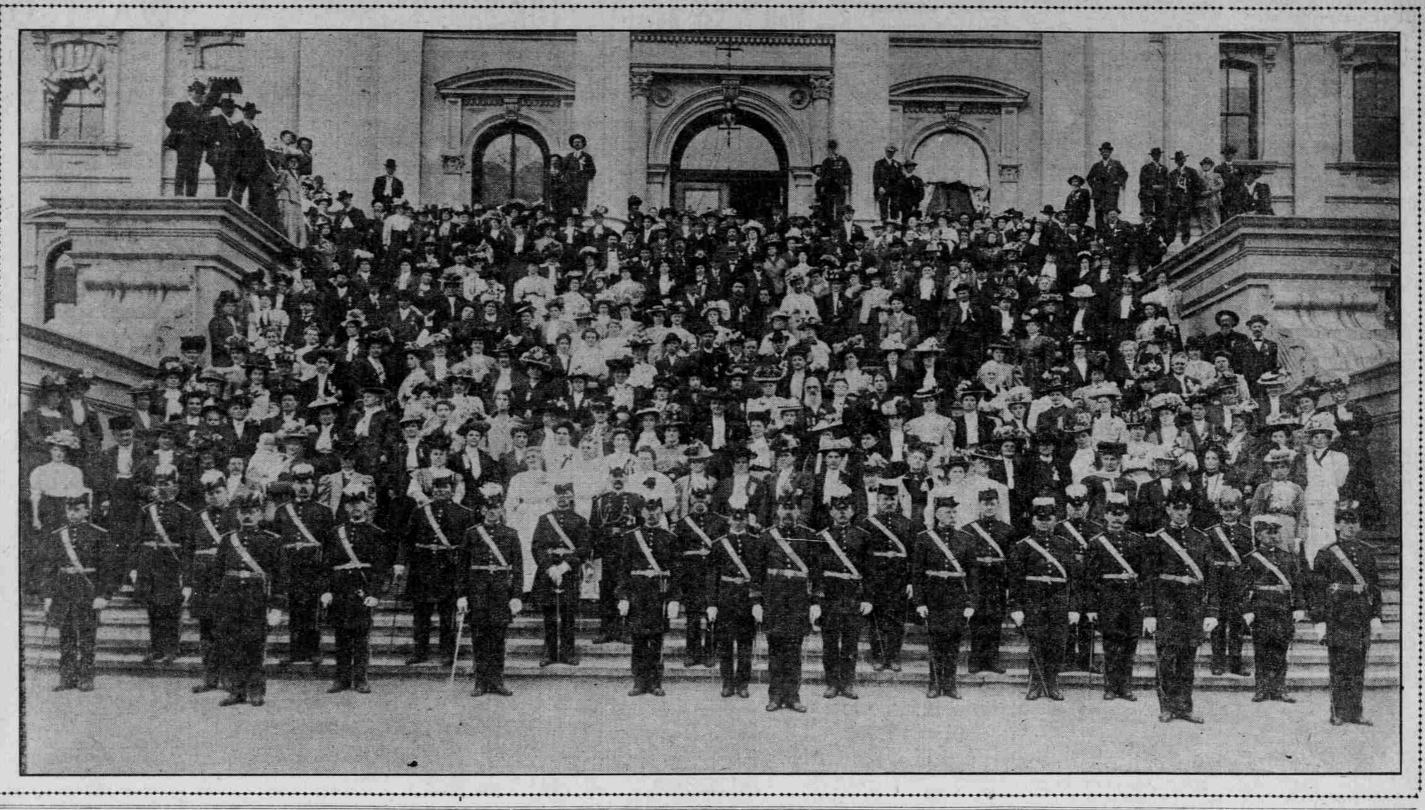
## GROUP OF ODDFELLOWS AND REBEKAHS PHOTOGRAPHED ON STEPS OF STATE CAPITOL AT SALEM DURING GRAND LODGE SESSION



## Single Tax Bad for Farmers

Its Irregularity Shown, and a Commission of Experts Is Favored-Advice That Bills of Both Salmon Interests Be Passed by Initiative.

of office at the other end. Between the two extremes, the gradation is in-Rival companies have proposed laws to damage each other's business; and the disciples of Henry George propose a revolution in taxat'on. It is not strange that some sensible men are so disgusted that they want'to repudition the whole system and yet in the this ate the whole system, and yet just this site the whole system, and yet just this sort of thing was found to occur. What will the voters of Oregon do? It's a merciless test of what is called the average intelligence, but I believe it will be a successful one.

There is another point in that consection. It's the most difficult thing in the world to get assessors to value property on the same basis. In estimating land with the improvements

nating land with the improvements. tuating land with the improvements, there is always one criterion—the selling value. Take out all improvements and who would be so wild as to hope that assessors would estimate fairly the value of the bare land? With uncipial valuations, the inequalities and injustice would be tremendously increased by a heavier tax on land.

There is only one really technical question in the whole list, and that is the one concerning taxation. The law proposed is a long stride towards the single tax on land. It's an old, old idea that as land is the basis of production. all taxes shift and finally reach the land. The Oregon Tax Reform Asso-clation says in its argument, after re-ferring to the fact that farmers want everything taxed, under such a system the farmer pays taxes on everything, while the bulk of wealth drained from

Seligman relates how Voltaire punctured the fallacy considerably over 190 years ago in France. He pointed out that if the farmer paid the taxes, it was unnecessary for his wealthy brothers whose incomes were derived from other sources, to pay any. That strikes the keynote of tixation. People are taxed because as part of the state, they are in duty bound to support it, according to their ability to pay. How shall their ability to pay be measured? That is the eternal problem of laying taxes. Shall the fact that some men are inclined to invest in land, in the hope of gain, be sufficient cause to require them to pay all the taxes? Shall the man who devotes himself to manufacturing go free? The single-taxer in Oregon says "yes."

It is true that the tax laid on land does not shift; it comes out of the innovance. His grain, beef and fruit are sold in the world markets, and the prices are regulated in Chicago and Liverpool. He can't shift the tax; it comes out of his profits.

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SHORT ROUTE EAST.

The new Canadian Pacific route via Spokane is the short line to St. Paul. The new canadian Pacific route via Spokane is the short line to St. Paul. The new canadian Pacific route via Spokane is the short line to spokane is the short line to consider how it would do for the voters throughout the state-that the bills we provate the salmon to take advantage of the war between the rival firms and enact both laws on the first o farms escapes taxation. Seligman relates how Voltaire punc-

The single-taxer says that the cities of Oregon are worth seven times as much in land values as all the farming lands in the state, and yet they pay for per cent only of the taxes. There is no doubt that taxation in Oregon needs referming, but the single-taxer overlooks this point: In the cities, the books of the sake of 1907, chapter 225, overlooks this point: In the cities, the books of the sake of 1907, chapter 225, section 7, provide that "If two or more conflicting laws shall be approved by the sake of the inititative, but I think it dark place on the river bank, where sake the wheeks from one of the saleoes to dark place on the river bank, where she knocked him down and robbed him. When arrested by Officer Shaw, Bray had be knocked him down and robbed him. When arrested by Officer Shaw, Bray had the knocked him down and robbed him. When arrested by Officer Shaw, Bray had whether both laws would stand if they were passed.

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ufacturing and lay all taxes on land ownors? Seligman remarks justly. "To con-fiscate the capital invested in land, with the chance of the land either falling or rising in value, while exempting abso-lutely the capital invested in corporate or industrial securities, is but a travesty of justice."

Oregon needs tax reform—but it is a technical subject, like banking, and a commission of experts offers the only hope of getting it. Our neighboring State of Washington made some progress in 1907, with the aid of its Tax Commission. Oregon is free to adopt the same matheds. methods.

methods.

The proposed amendment to secure proportional representation is one of the most important measures on which the voters will pass. It will permit the Legislature to adopt a system giving each party its fair share of representatives. The leading statesmen of the Nation have deceased it for many vars. It is dome. advocated it for many years. It is democratic and just, and will abolish gerry-manders, which are an abomination to all honest men. It will not only tend to secure better men for the Legislature.

The leading statesmen of the various large and the legislature advocated it is described. The leading states are state and for the benefit of the next generation?

As for the srgument that the procedure would establish a dangerous precedent, believe and think that every thoughtwith the consequent better legislation, but it will make the majority party more responsible for its lawmaking. So far, the attempts in the United States to establish such a system have not been successful, but Oregon has a free field and can adopt the most successful when the consequence of the c plan in operation among the democratic countries of the world. It is a most hopeful reform if the voters really

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the people at the same election, the law receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall be paramount in all particulars as to which there is conflict, even though such law may not have received the greatest majority of affirmative votes."

Do these proposed laws conflict in any particular? To answer that question it is only necessary to read the bills as offered to the people.

The law regulating fishing on the

BY GEORGE A. THACHEK.

INDER the constitution and laws of Oregon, when 3 per cent of the voters get enthusiastic over a wise measure or a fad, they can compel the other 92 per cent to accept or reject their ideas at the polls.

That kind of democracy means responsibility that can't be dodged. This year the voters' fext-book makes that sense of responsibility a heavy one. There is one measure to make cities independent of the state law against gambling at one end of the scale, and a referendum on a rascally act of the last legislature which virtually compels railroads to grant free passer to all state, county and district officers during their terms of office at the other end. Between the two extremes, the gradation is insalmon or sturgeon at any time, by any means, except hook and line, in the Sandy River, or any of its tributaries, or in the Columbia River, or any of its tributaries, at any place up stream from its confluence with the Sandy River, or with hook and line during the spawning

> Where is there any possible conflict between the two laws? Again, what possible harm is there in the question being taken to the Supreme Court of Oregon by the up-river fishermen or the down-river fishermen, providing the voters adopt both laws? There will never be a cheaper or quicker way of saving the salmon industry. As for the saving the saimon industry. As for the fishermen, they can't be said to be coming before the people with "clean hands." Each lot wants to destroy the other. Why should not the voters pass both laws and do their best to save the industry for the good of the state and

possible be established which would so thoroughly sicken for all time any busi-ness interest which hoped to damage a

tion as the procedure proposed in this case of adopting both laws.

It will be remembered that when the railroad interests talked of a referendum on the portage railroad act that the Portland Chamber of Commerce suggested that it wight.

a watch, Bray is alleged to have en-

# STRIKERS VOTE ON TERMS today's game at the end of the sixth inning, with the score a tie at 2 and 2.

DETERMINE STATUS WITH COM-PANY BY BALLOT.

Decide Whether to Go Back as "New" Men or Stand Out for Seniority.

CLEVELAND, O., May 23.-The work of the State Arbitrators in an effort to bring about peace in the street-railthe same time the strikers began voting upon the acceptance or rejection of the points that already have been agreed upon between the strikers executive committee and the committee.

Second games of the points that already nave agreed upon between the strikers' executive committee and the committee cutive committee and the committee representing the Municipal Traction R. H. E. Boston. Company. The refusal of Glen K. Batteries—Salee and Ludwig: Wiltse The score: Shurtliff to act as the third arbitrator seriously complicates the situation for

the state mediators. Vice-President Behner, of the union has approved the suggestion of a bai-lot by which the men are to express their desires as to whether they shall go back to work temporarily as "new" men or stand out for their old

## NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

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## Butte 3; Spokane 4.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Spokane got the decision, 4 to 3, in eleven innings today after a prolonged wrestle with the Miners. It was Claflin again who tied the score for Spokane in the eighth and saved a run by a perfect throw from left field to third base in the tenth. The visitors hit Wright savagely and only the great defensive work of Spokane saved him. He was weakening in the tenth, but got through the inning withtenth, but got through the inning without harm. In the eleventh, Jensen
was sent in to pitch for Spokane and
the Butte lefthanders were helpless.
Both teams played magnificent ball.
The batting of Bennett was a feature.
Claffin pitched a steady game for the
Miners, except in the eleventh, when
his weakening forced in the winning
run. The score:

R.H.E.

Butte ......0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—3 13 1 Spokane ...0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1—4 7 3 Batteries-Claffin and Shea; Wright, Jensen, Rogers and Reniker. Umpire

## Seattle 4; Aberdeen 0.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23,-(Spe-SEATTLE, Wash. May 23.—(Special.)—Rush shut out Aberdeen today for the second time in a week. Brown and Van Buren were the only men on the visiting team that managed to land the ball in safe territory. Starkell pitched a good game, but a timely rap by Frisk in the first gave the locals one run and a couple of two-baggers and a single in the seventh netted three more. Despite Seattle's three errors, the fielding of the home team was fast, and two brilliant double plays were pulled off. After the first inning only three men an inning faced Rush. The score:

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 23.—(Special).—Rain made it necessary to call

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

#### St. Louis 6; New York 2. ST. LOUIS, May 23.-St. Louis had no trouble in taking both games of a double-header from New York today.

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## Brooklyn 5; Pittsburg 6.

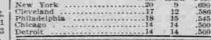
PITTSBURG, Pa., May 22,-The home able to hit Pastorius, Score: R. H. E. R. H. E. Pittsburg ..0 4 2 Brooklyn ..5 9 1

## Batteries—Leever, Young, Willis and Gibson: Pastorius and Bergen,—Umpires—O'Day and Johnstone. Cincinnati 8; Philadelphia 2.

CINCINNATI, May 23.—Five of Cincinnati's eight hits were for extra bases, and all figured in the run-get-ting. The victory of the locals put them into second place. Score: R.H.E. R.H.E.
Cincinnati, 8 8 0]Phila, ...2 7 2
Batteries — Ewing and McLean,
Sparks, Foxen and Dooin, Umpire—

Chicago 6; Boston 4. CHICAGO, May 22.-The locals won today in an evenly divided hard-hitting contest. Score:

R. H. E. R. H. E. Chicago ... 6 10 1 Boston .... 4 10 2 Batterles-Lundgren and Kling; Lindaman and Bowerman. Umpire-AMERICAN LEAGUE.





Detroit 3; Washington 2.

R.H.E. R.H. Washington 2 5 1 Detroit ......3 9 Batteries-Hughes and Warner; Kill and Schmidt.

## Cleveland 4: Philadelphia 2.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.-Clevela defeated Philadelphia by timely hittl coupled with three stolen bases, each which assisted in the scoring. The sco R.H.E. R.

## Boston 6; St. Louis 2.

ROSTON. May 23.-Three errors

R.H.E. R.H Boston .....6 11 2 St. Louis .....2 10 Batteries-Morgan and Carrigan; Pow

## New York 4; Chicago 0.

NEW YORK, May 21.-Better pitching then that done by Orth and Smith in today's game could not be desired, but Smith was supported very poorly in the early innings. The score:

R.H.E.] R Chleago .....0 4 4[New York....4 Batteries-Smith and Shaw; Orth and Kleinow.

# Mount Angel 9; Silverton 0.

MGUNT ANGEL, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Mount Angel defeated Silverton to-day, 9 to 0. DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 23 .- Maximum temperaure, 77 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees. River ture, 17 degrees, minimum, 44 degrees, River-reading at 8 A. M., 14.2 feet; change in last 24 hours, —1 foot, Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.) none; total rainfall since September 1, 1907, 38.07 inches; normal rainfall, 41.68 inches; deficiency, 3.61 inches. Total sunshine May 22, 11 hours, 6 minutes; possible sun-shine May 22, 15 hours, 13 minutes, Barone-ter (reduced to scallevel), at 5 P. M., 30.05 inches.

inches. WEATHER CONDITIONS. The pressure has failen decidedly over this forecast district during the last 12 hours, but clear skies continue nevertheless over the Pacific Slope and Plateau region, excepting in extreme Northwestern Washington, where cloudiness prevails. Rain was falling at Tatooch Island this evening at time of re-

# Nightmare

No woman's happiis her nature to love and want them as much so as it is to love the beautiful and

pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror.

There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of Mother's Friend so prepares the system forthe coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful

remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

Send for free book containing information of priceiese value to all expectant mothers.

The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

washingten and Idaho.

The indications point to a continuation of the present fair weather over this forceast district Sunday, excepting over Western Washington and Northwestern Oregon, where WASHINGTON, May 23.—Killian clever-ly out-pliched Hughes today and Detroit defeated Washington. The score: Washington and Northwestern Oregon, where increasing cloudiness is expected, with possi-bly showers, and lower temperatures in the interior.

STATIONS	weather  Wind Direction  Wind Precipitation Precipitation past 12 hours
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FORECASTS.

For the 28 hours ending midnight, May 24:
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Fortland and vicinity—increasing cloudiness and cooler, with possibly showers, westerly winds.
Western Washington and Northwestern

Oregon-Increasing cloudiness, with possibly showers; cooler interior; westerly winds. Southwestern Oregon-Probably (air; north-

Rastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idsho-Probably fair. L. LODHOLZ, Local Forecaster temporarily in charge,

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Matrimonial and clairvoyant ads, one-time rate cach insertion.

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is to 20 words, 40 cents; 21 to 25 words, 50 cents, etc.—first insertion. Each additional insertion, one-half; no further discount under one result.

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