

HARD STUDY MUST BE GIVEN ISSUES

Pamphlet to Voters Lacking in Clear Arguments in Various Measures.

32 PROBLEMS PRESENTED

Lawyers' Briefs Will Be Needed to Define Many Proposed Laws and Amendments to Constitution of the State.

Each of some 150,000 voters in Oregon will have in his possession within the next few days the 32-page pamphlet containing the initiative and referendum measures that will be voted on in November, but it is probable that very few of the electors who desire to give conscientious consideration to the measures before them will be able to do so simply by perusal or even close study of the pamphlet.

There are 32 measures published in the pamphlet. On some measures, arguments both for and against are published, on some only one side presented, and on still others no argument whatever. It is likely that not more than a few of the 150,000 voters in the state will find themselves able to vote intelligently on more than one-fourth of the measures without reference to some public library or to books, documents or maps secured at their own expense.

There are eight measures on which the average voter should be able to make up his mind by reading the pamphlet, listening to the arguments that are bound to take place and by reading documents on both sides of the issues as published in the newspapers.

Liquor Issue Plain.

For example, the three measures pertaining to the sale of intoxicating liquors are so clearly stated that they can be understood by anyone. One is a proposed amendment to the constitution declaring for statewide prohibition, and another is a co-ordinating prohibition law designed to enact the details in the prohibition of the sale of liquor as a beverage, while the third is the proposed constitutional amendment designed to give cities and towns exclusive power to regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicants.

No Muddle on Good Roads. The necessity for better highways is thoroughly recognized throughout the state, and the amendment proposing to remove the constitutional restriction on the incurring of indebtedness by counties beyond \$5000 to build permanent roads, will readily be understood. To go down the other side of the measure and vote intelligently, the elector will require a large fund of information not found between the covers of the official pamphlet, and, perhaps, the obstacle to intelligent action will be found almost insurmountable on the measures that pertain to local or neighborhood issues.

Voters Left to Puzzle. In the affirmative argument is the statement: "They have used nets as small as one-inch mesh for the purpose of gathering trout within a mile of the dam, and the bill comes back with the contradictory assertion that the fishermen's net is no constructed that it produces the best quality of any salmon trout being taken."

As a matter of fact, more than 100,000 voters who live outside of the Rogue River Valley, in order to vote with knowledge of the facts, would have to make personal investigations of fishing conditions on the river.

For purposes of investigation, the voter may find it wise to segregate the 32 measures into seven classes. There are four measures that may be put under the head of "taxation," two under the head of "labor legislation," three under the head of "elections," nine under the head of "county boundaries," three under the head of "liquor traffic" and six under the head of "miscellaneous."

Taxation Problem Important. On the measures relating to taxation the voter will find perhaps the greatest opportunity for profound study. Oregon now has the general property tax system which is in use to go fall an extent as here only in the other states of Rhode Island and Washington. It is now proposed to change the method followed in Oregon and the constitutional amendments to bring about that end are submitted to the voters. The official pamphlet, on this, which by many is looked upon as the most important general subject before the voters, contains but one argument, and that is presented in one and one-half pages by the Oregon State Federation of Labor and Central Labor Council of Portland and vicinity.

The voter, however, if he sees fit, may fill a "five-foot bookshelf" with discussions by authorities on the methods of taxation that would be thrown open to Oregon by the adoption of these constitutional amendments. He who feels it his duty to study the question with some thoroughness, is recommended to the first, second and third reports of the International Tax Conference, to Ely's "Taxation in American States and Cities" and to Seligman's "Essays in Taxation."

County Fights Are Local. In determining how he should vote on the county division measures, the elector really needs, first of all, a map of Oregon, showing counties, sections,

HOME FOR BOYS THAT WILL BE OPENED SEPTEMBER 19 BY PORTLAND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.



BUILDING AT 290 SALMON STREET WHERE 25 WORKING BOYS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ADVANTAGES OF HEALTHFUL HOME LIFE.

BOYS' HOME READY

Y. M. C. A. Will Provide Place for Employed Youths.

CLEAN LIVING IS OBJECT

Association Expects to Lessen Delinquency by Removing Lads From Temptations Constantly Faced in Cheap Lodging-Houses.

Plans have been completed by the Portland Young Men's Christian Association for establishing a boys' home which will be opened Monday, September 19, at 290 Salmon street. The association has had this project under way for a long time and much good is expected to result from it.

The boys' home will not be a charitable institution, but will be philanthropic in its purpose. Its object is to provide a home with clean, wholesome surroundings for boys who, under present conditions, cannot afford anything better than cheap lodging-houses where there are no restraining influences.

The plan to found a boys' home was first taken up by the Y. M. C. A. last Spring. Since then J. C. Clark, secretary of the boys' department, has been working out the arrangements, which are now complete. Citizens who are interested in the project have subscribed \$700 for furniture and others are contributing pieces of new furniture and bed clothes, so that it is hoped that by September 19 the equipment for the home will be complete.

The house that has been taken for the home contains 13 rooms and will afford accommodations for 25 boys. The Y. M. C. A. secretaries now have several boys in mind who are to go into the home as soon as it is opened. It is expected that it will be full by the end of the first month. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will live in the home during the opening month and will have personal supervision of it. At

the end of that period some trustworthy Christian family will be placed in permanent charge. "This place is not to be a detention home or anything of that nature," said Mr. Clark. "It is simply to meet a need that the Y. M. C. A. has realized existed for a long time. There are a great many working boys in Portland who are living in cheap lodging-houses where they are subjected to constant temptation. We intend to put these boys among healthful influences and to encourage them to live clean lives. The great majority of our delinquents are developed among these homeless boys who are at ages at which they are most likely to fall before the temptations that surround them. By providing for them the right kind of home life we expect to protect them from the things that lead them to become charges of the Juvenile Court. "The Big Brothers" movement is interested in our home and is co-operating with us. Many citizens have also made voluntary donations of money and furniture."

Under the head of elections are measures providing for separate districts for members of the legislature, for granting the right of suffrage to women, for direct nomination of Presidential electors, for the creation of a board and the publication of another magazine to advise the people how to vote, and a scheme for apportioning representation in the Legislature according to strength of political parties and without regard to representation of communities. For the purpose of studying the effect of the enactment of these measures, what is known as the Official Register of State, District and County Officers is a valuable guide, inasmuch as it gives an abstract of the vote cast in 1905, provides information as to representation of different counties in the Legislature, and also contains a copy of the present state constitution.

In one miscellaneous measure not heretofore mentioned, there has been referred to the people the question as to whether a Circuit Judge in Baker County shall have an increase of \$1000 a year salary. There is no argument for or against the bill, and consequently he who wishes to vote on the question intelligently will either have to go or write to Baker County.

Finally, there is referred to the people by the Legislative assembly the question of calling a convention to revise the state constitution. An opposing argument to the people the question as to whether any 11 amendments are to the constitution proposed may lead many voters to believe that the Oregon constitution needs revision.

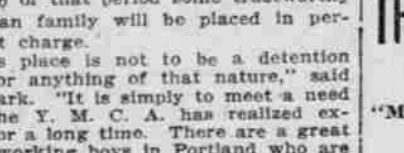
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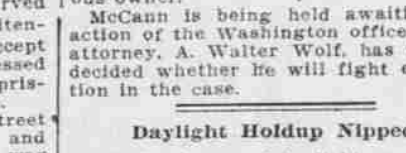
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THIS PRISONER 'HONEST'

"MISSOULA SLIM" SPURNS CASH OF DRUNKEN MAN.

Roll of Money, Overlooked by Officers, Pressed Upon Accused Highwayman by Cellmate.

An honest highwayman, believed to be the only one in captivity, was discovered yesterday afternoon in the city jail in the person of James McCann, "Missoula Slim." Although McCann is accused of holding up one stage coach, of going through the clothing of a man at Vancouver, Wash., of

robbing a house in this city, and though he is known to have served time in at least three Western penitentiaries, he positively refused to accept \$120 which was affectionately pressed upon him by an inebriated fellow prisoner in the cell yesterday afternoon.

Jim Scott was picked up on the street in a highly-stimulated condition and after being searched with care was placed in the cell with McCann. After his incarceration he drew from some recess of his clothing a big roll of bills which had been so cleverly hidden that the two officers who went through his clothes failed to find it. In an exuberance of good-fellowship he offered the money to McCann, who professed for a time and then called the jailer and told him of the occurrence. The officer was sure that he had made a thorough search and the story was so improbable that he set McCann down as wandering in his mind.

As soon as the jailer was gone Scott renewed his offer and McCann again called the jailer. Then the money was

found and taken away from its generous owner. McCann is being held awaiting the action of the Washington officers. His attorney, A. Walter Wolf, has not yet decided whether he will fight extradition in the case.

Daylight Holdup Nipped.

A holdup in broad daylight was nipped yesterday afternoon when Patrolmen Montgomery and Schaffer arrested William Greenway and John Lynch when they were holding Thomas Hunter against a fence, at Third and Gilsan street, and going through his pockets.

The attempt was first observed by C. S. Gossett, a civil engineer, who telephoned to police headquarters. Montgomery and Schaffer were ordered to hurry to the place and arrived while the two holdups were still fumbling in Hunter's pockets. The victim had 50 cents when searched at the station. He was drunk.

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