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ANY BILLS FACE VOTERS NEXT FALL

At least 40 Measures Are to Be Passed On, Besides National Issues

Oregon voters in the November election this year will be called on to pass on at least 40 measures, submitted under either the initiative or the referendum, in addition to electing President, Governor, United States Senator, Representatives in Congress and various state and county officers. The number will surpass those in the general election of 1916, when the total was only 32.

Of the forty measures already filed, and the time for filing initiative measures with the Secretary of State, not expiring until July 4th, six have been referred to the people by the 1911 session of the Legislature. They are: amendments as follows: 1. Reorganizing the office of Lieutenant Governor, three measures on eliminating from the constitution the single tax plank which was adopted by the people 15 years ago, requiring an affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of votes cast in election before any amendment to the constitution, proposed under the initiative, shall become operative; making stockholders in banking corporations liable to pay for the benefit of the state an amount equal to the par value of stock held by them in addition to the amount originally paid the par value therefor.

The referendum has been included on three other measures proposed by the last Legislature. These are known as the initiative of Oregon appropriation bills, giving the state institutions at Eugene additional funds in the amount of \$503,258.92, and a bill in Senator Malarkey's

public service commission bill. An initiative bill already is on file in the Secretary of State's office for a constitutional amendment giving women the right of suffrage.

In addition to the six good roads bills drafted by Governor West's "harmony commission," the State Grange will resort to the initiative and propose two bills prescribing a method for highway construction. Petitions for all eight measures are now being circulated throughout the state for signatures.

Two important commissions were created by the last session of the Legislature. One was formed to revise the judicial system of the state, and the other to make a revision of the laws of taxation.

The two commissions were appointed by Governor West. The judiciary commission expects to submit two measures, while the taxation commission probably will propose six or seven bills.

W. S. U'Ren, E. J. S. McAllister, H. D. Wagnon, A. D. Cridge and others will submit a single tax amendment to the constitution. It is proposed in the guise of graduate scale of taxation on the valuation of franchises held by public service corporations.

The People's Power League has completed the preliminary draft of what amounts to a wholesale revision of the Legislative, Executive and Administrative Departments of the state government. It embraces the U'Ren cabinet form of government, proportional representation and other drastic changes in the present order of state and county government.

Urged by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, three or four initiative measures will be proposed, all calculated to improve conditions for laboring people. One of these proposed bills fixes \$2.50 a day as the minimum wage that shall be paid for labor in the state. Another imposes an eight-hour work-day for all classes of laborers em-

ployed by the county or state.

The legislative committee of the Central Labor Council has been directed to prepare initiative measures amending the law creating the Port of Portland so as to give the people a more direct voice in electing and removing the members of the commission and changing the present law under which the Board of Education operates. Similar initiative legislation is being considered and probably will be proposed by the Civic Council.

Initiative petitions are being circulated for constitutional amendments abolishing capital punishment and placing the State Printer on a flat salary. The last Legislature enacted a law of this nature, effective at the termination of the incumbent's term, but the purpose of the proposed amendment is to have the constitutional amendment go into effect at once.

Complaining that the employer's liability law, enacted by the people under the initiative two years ago, is proving too drastic in its operation, employers of labor are preparing a workmen's compensation act to be submitted under the initiative.

A similar bill is being drafted by a special commission, appointed by Governor West, consisting of representatives of the State Federation of Labor, the State Grange and the manufacturers.—Oregonian.

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