

MORE POWER FOR THE PEOPLE

Proposal to Make Seven Amendments to State Constitution Arouses Much Interest.

PETITIONS SENT OUT TO SECURE A VOTE

Anti-Pass Law Will Be Advocated at Same Time, as It Is Thought Railroads Influence Legislation by Free Transportation.

It is believed that the proposals for the seven amendments to the Oregon constitution and an anti-pass law will be submitted to the voters under the initiative amendment at the June election. Although the petitions have not been signed by the required 8 per cent of the voters, it is thought there will be no difficulty in getting the necessary signatures, this work will begin at once.

The submission of these amendments will take the place of the constitutional convention which has been advocated for many years. Those who are behind the movement contend that everything that could be done by a constitutional convention may be accomplished by referring to the initiative, without what is said would be many attendant evils.

One of the principal amendments proposed is that which will give the people power to invoke the initiative on single items of appropriation bills. The law which at the present time if an appropriation bill is objectionable, it must either go to final passage and approval by the executive, or be vetoed by him as a whole. If the people wish to disapprove any item they must stop the complete bill.

More Power to Municipalities. The bill of the last legislature appropriating expense money for the public institutions is held up by the initiative. Although those who signed the initiative petitions would willingly have permitted many of the appropriations to go into effect.

Another important feature in the proposed amendments is the conferring of larger local government powers on municipalities. Under the existing statute the legislature must enact all charters and the members from other cities and counties, having no interest in the organic law about to be passed, have equal voice in it with the members from the county in which the city is located. It is believed that this makes it possible for politicians to trade support between themselves to the detriment of good government.

One radical proposal is for an amendment giving the people the right under the initiative to expel an undesirable public official from his position. The theory as outlined in the pamphlet issued by those interested in the movement is that if officials realize that they may be discharged by their employers—the people—at any time, they will be more diligent in their efforts to carry out the wishes of their constituents.

Perhaps the most important of the amendments to be submitted is that which would give to minority parties proportional representation in the legislature or in city councils. The pamphlet sets forth that it is reasonable to grant, for instance, to a fifth minority party representation proportioned to its strength, instead of denying it any representation whatever.

Although the amendment may in large measure make constitutional conventions unnecessary, yet it is not proposed to do away with them, but the contrary make it easier for the people to call them. Under the present law two successive legislatures must pass a bill calling for a convention, but the proposal is to make it legal for the legislature to call one by a single enactment.

It is further proposed to restrain the legislature from providing inequitable representation in such convention. Considerable interest will be shown in the anti-pass bill, for whose enactment a strong effort will be made. The arguments in favor of such a measure have been so often presented that it is believed it will meet with approval. The assertion is made that railway companies have exerted immense influence on legislators and city councils by the liberal giving of passes, and that it will be in the interest of good government to make it unlawful for any legislator to receive such free transportation.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS MEET WEDNESDAY

Arrangements Have Been Made for the Entertainment of the Northwest Institute.

In the First Congregational church, Park and Madison streets, the Christian Endeavor Institute of the Northwest will be held September 13, 14 and 15. It will be attended by many prominent members. The committee of arrangements is composed of the following: Rev. L. M. Booser, John A. Rockwood, H. E. Powell and Rev. A. A. Winter. The state officers are: Washington—F. Edgar Barth, president; Miss Minnie A. Gibbons, secretary; Lawrence Jacka, treasurer. Oregon—John A. Rockwood, president; Miss Dolele C. Mansfield, secretary, and A. W. Brookings, treasurer. The following program will be observed: Wednesday, September 13—Forenoon: To preside, A. A. Winter; 9 to 9:30, devotional, D. A. Thompson; workers' conference, 9:30 to 11:30, "Tenth Legion," F. Edgar Barth, Seattle, Washington, state president of Washington Christian Endeavor Union; 10, "The Spiritual Life of the Society," Rev. C. T. Hurd, Corvallis, Oregon; 10:30, Von Ogden Vogt, Boston, Massachusetts, general secretary of the United Society Christian Endeavor; Evening: To preside, Rev. E. P. Hill, D. D.; 7:45, praise service; 8:15, popular address, Rev. J. M. Wilson, Seattle, Washington.

Thursday, September 14—Forenoon: To preside, F. Edgar Barth; 9 to 9:30, devotional, C. T. Hurd; workers' conference, 9:30 to 11:30; 9:30, "Field Secretary Work," Rev. W. J. Sharp, field secretary for Oregon and Washington; 10:30, Von Ogden Vogt, Evening: To preside, Rev. E. S. Muckley; 7:45, praise service; 8:15, popular address, Von Ogden Vogt.

Friday, September 15—Forenoon: To preside, D. A. Thompson; 9 to 9:30, devotional, W. J. Sharp; workers' conference, 9:30 to 11:30; 9:30, "Missionary Work," Rev. W. J. Sharp, Washington; 10, "Junior Work," Mrs. A. H. Burkholder; 10:30, Von Ogden Vogt.

PREACHERS WERE LOST IN MT. HOOD'S FORESTS

Two Portland preachers, Rev. Andrew Montgomery of the Third Presbyterian church and Rev. Henry Marcotte of the Westminster Presbyterian church, became lost in the dense forests on the slopes of Mount Hood recently and wandered about for the most part of one night before reaching camp. The former was camping on Mount Hood, where his brother pastor was to join him. The camp was 13 miles from the stage line, and Mr. Marcotte was to walk 13 miles over the trail when his friend would meet him. Before he had gone many miles darkness had settled over the forest. He frequently wandered from the trail among the giant trees and it was with difficulty that he sought shelter for the night in a hollow tree when he heard a call, and answering it, hurried on to find Rev. Mr. Montgomery waiting for him. They started for camp, and after several hours of wandering reached it in an exhausted condition.

BEACH RATE REDUCED.

Three Dollars for Round Trip Announced by O. R. & N. Co. The every-day round-trip rate from Portland to North Beach points has been reduced by the O. R. & N. Co. from \$4 to \$3, tickets on sale until October 15 with final return limit October 31.

The T. J. Potter, queen of river boats, leaves Portland for Astoria and North Beach points as follows: September 12, 7 a. m.; September 14, 8 a. m.; September 16, 9:15 a. m. The Potter is now making certain daylight trips from Ilwaco to Portland. The Hassalo leaves Portland for Astoria and way points, connecting at Astoria with Nahcotta for Ilwaco and North Beach points, Ash street dock, daily at 4 p. m., excepting Sunday (Saturday at 10 p. m.). Particulars and O. R. & N. Summer Book by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

Low Excursion Rates Set.

On September 16, 17, the Great Northern railway will sell excursion tickets to Chicago and return for \$7.50; St. Louis and return, \$6.50; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth and return, \$6.00; tickets good for going passage for 10 days; final return limit, 90 days; good going via Great Northern railway, returning same or any direct route, stopovers allowed going and returning for tickets and additional information call on or address H. Dickson, C. P. and T. A. Great Northern Ry., 17 Third street, Portland.

MR. WRAY RECALCS HAPPY TIMES

He and Charley Tutt Meet the Laundry Trust President Who is an Orphan.

RECALCITRANT LAUNCH CAUSES SOME TROUBLE

The Energetic Man Rejoices at the Success of His Efforts to Secure the Letter-Carriers' Home for Colorado Springs.

His name is Henry Russell Wray and his home is in Colorado Springs, in the state of Colorado. He is short, brisk and self-possessed, with an active tongue and wears a necktie that is worth looking at. Mr. Wray met an acquaintance on Morrison street and backed him up against the side of a building. He was feeling good over the victory he had won in securing the National Letter-Carriers' home for Colorado Springs. "Yes, I've been here before," he said without any special reference to anything that has been previously said. "I've just been reminding you of it by a post I received from Charley Tutt. He's got a place over here just above Vancouver—a sort of country place that is all right. Know Tutt? Charley used to live at the Springs and he sold the C. O. D. mine at Cripple Creek for a quarter of a mile, and with a bale of other greenbacks took a notion he'd come out this way. A friend of his owned a place over here near Vancouver, so he wrote him to buy some ground in the same neighborhood and build a house for him. Then he sent an ad to the San Francisco paper, something like this: 'Want a 40-foot canoe launch. Apply to Charles L. Tutt, Colorado Springs, Colorado.' Wasn't that the funniest thing ever—for in the name of all that's good what would anybody want with a 40-foot launch in the arid belt? One day Charley met me and he said: 'Put on your things, Wray, and come with me to Frisco; you need a vacation.' President of Laundry Trust.

"So we started. When we got there we hunted up a man on the wharf who had written to offer a launch for sale. He took it out and showed us all over it. Neither of us knew the first thing about a launch, but the man had a convincing way and Tutt decided to take it on his recommendation.

"What commission do they generally allow hereabouts for making a launch sale?" "Five per cent," says the man. "Well, we'll make it 10," says Tutt, "for you've made a good job of it." "Couldn't think of taking anything," said the man, "because I ain't in need of money. Fact of the matter is I'm president of the laundry trust in this man's town and we've got 40 of these launches to meet the incoming boats. What I couldn't make out was why a man away up in the Rockies would be buying such a thing, and that is why I answered the ad."

"But haven't you a wife or child so I could return the favor to you?" "Nary," said the man. "I'm an orphan."

"Well, you surely will come around with us and have dinner at the Poodle Pup?" "Sure thing," said the man.

"He was there all right," continued Mr. Wray, feeling for the mistake that used to be there but which mysteriously disappeared on his trip to Portland. The talk turned to Philadelphia, where both used to live.

They All Knew Runyon. "I suppose," said the orphan, after the oysters and sherry, "it's a good deal like asking if you knew a man named Smith in Chicago, but I would like to ask if either of you knew a man named Runyon in Philadelphia?"

"What, Levi Runyon?" says I. "Sure thing," he said, getting excited. "Used to be my roommate at the Pennsylvania university. I don't know Runyon," continued the orphan, "anything you people want in this town is yours, and it's up to me to get it." "Then I told him about Runyon. We came out of the university together. I went into the office of President Roberts of the Pennsylvania and he became a stockbroker. A few years later a very attractive little California girl appeared in our city. One day Runyon came to me and says, 'Wray, I'm dead in love with that girl; do you think it would be possible for her to care for me?'"

"Not a bit of doubt of it," says I. "And the queer thing was Runyon called in and married the girl. Then he moved out to California. The father-in-law was president of a bank. Runyon went in as cashier. Soon after the old man died, then the old lady died and there was nobody left but Runyon and the girl and she inherited \$9,000,000. That fellow couldn't be good enough to us when he heard we were together."

Wray and Wray Captain a Launch. "We loaded the launch on the roof of the Columbia headed for Portland and arrived here safely. Then we filled her up with gasoline and started down the river. Neither knew anything about launches. Tutt had on a naval cap; I had the manual. It was a discursive but not explicit. It said, 'Raise G, lower F, twist the wheel and start the lever.' I worked according to directions and we went away like a shot. Everything went lovely until we struck the mouth of the river. There Tutt raised his naval cap and bowed profoundly to the lighthouse keeper, who proved equally polite. But the current was too strong for us, or I did not have enough pressure on. Anyhow we were properly stuck and couldn't budge. 'Wray, you'd better take the cap and pay your respects to the lighthouse keeper and I'll take a whirl at the engine,' says Tutt. His politeness was chilling.

"I put on the cap, which came down over my ears and saluted the lighthouse keeper. 'How's the cap?' said he after I returned the salute. 'Sou'-west by west,' says I. 'Yer off two pints,' says he. 'Yer off two pints,' says I to Tutt. 'Beer of wine?' asks Tutt, giving a look at me. I never knew what he did to her, but from that moment she started and never stopped until we got to the landing on the other side, where our friend met us and Tutt found his house ready for reception. 'Have something wet and soothing,' asked Wray, suddenly dropping his reminiscences and getting solicitous. 'No? Let's have a cigar, then. Not that! Let's have a better meeting and see if we can't find something you'd enjoy.' With that he floated away for the car that was to take him to the Vancouver ferry.

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Rev. C. T. Russell of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, does not believe in hell as taught in the old orthodox churches. He preached an interesting sermon at the Taylor Street Methodist church yesterday on the subject, "To Hell and Back—Who Are There?"

"Heathendom has its own peculiar hells and purgatories," said he, "but none of them is more revolting, more horrible than those presented to our attention by the various denominations of Christendom. Quite evidently all these conceptions have their origin in the same old and our view of the matter is that Satan himself was the author of this terrible doctrine which has made millions unhappy and sent thousands to insane asylums."

"What evil could any human being commit in the brief span of an hour, or a day, or a month, or a year, or a century that would justify an eternity of torture such as this you describe? The reply is that our entire race was born under the curse, under condemnation, and that now God has provided a Savior, and only those who will accept him can be saved from hell and eternal punishment. They tell us that this curse of our race came upon us as a penalty for Father Adam's disobedience in Eden in the eating of the forbidden fruit, and that only those who accept Christ can be saved from this terrible doom. But we reply that surely such a penalty would be unjust."

"To suppose that God would pronounce a curse of eternal torment upon \$6,000,000,000 of Adam's race because of his disobedience in eating an apple is to accuse the Almighty of the grossest injustice, not to say lovelessness."

IN NEW CHURCH THE PASTOR SAYS FAREWELL

Bethany German Presbyterian church was dedicated yesterday, and at the same time the farewell services to Rev. William G. Laube, the retiring pastor, were held. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. T. W. Milliken. In the evening Mr. Laube bade the congregation farewell. He will leave this week for Dubuque, Iowa, to become a professor in the German Theological seminary. Rev. Alfred Herforth of South Dakota will be pastor of the new church.

Low Rates Set.

On September 16 and 17 the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets to eastern points at very low rates. Tickets will be good for stopovers, going and returning, with the final limit of 90 days from date of sale.

For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, P. O. 2, Canadian Pacific Ry., 142 1/2 Third street, Portland, Or.

DR. WILSON PREACHES TO BIG CONGREGATION

The Grace Methodist church was filled last evening with interested worshippers who heard Dr. C. T. Wilson preach "The Consolations of God." "Many have found the consolations of God their stay," he said. "The affection and the wisdom of God are seen in his adaptation of his revelation to the heart no less than the mind of men. The Bible fits into every fold of the heart; it is God's book because it is in every sense man's book." "There is a possibility of blessing for every one of us, no matter what our circumstances."

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