

HOW TO VOTE UPON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Taxpayers' League Favors the University Appropriation, Increase in Supreme Court, New Juror System and Port of Portland Measure.

Investigations made by the Taxpayers' league, an independent, non-partisan organization of business men, have resulted in that body offering the following digest and suggestions relative to some of the initiative and referendum measures to be voted on at the June election. The league has always been active in its efforts to secure better laws for the benefit of the people, and no little interest attaches to the recommendations made with reference to proposed new statutes. The league's report is as follows:

While the objects for which the Taxpayers' league of Portland was organized are limited in their scope, certain of the amendments to the constitution, and laws which have been proposed under the initiative and laws on which the referendum has been invoked and which are to be submitted to the people at the coming June election come properly within its jurisdiction, and to these they have given consideration.

The recommendations upon these questions should be accepted in the spirit they are made. The league is looking for no controversy, but if the result of their deliberations are of service to others the recommendations made will have served their purpose.

Increase in Supreme Court.

"An amendment to article VII of the constitution by increasing the number of judges of the supreme court from three to five until otherwise provided by law, and authorizing the legislative assembly to provide by appropriate legislation for the exercise by the circuits courts of the probate jurisdiction theretofore exercised by the county courts, and for the transaction of county business by and before some appropriate body or tribunal."

324. Yes.
325. No.
The foregoing title succinctly states the purposes of this amendment. It is to increase the number of judges of the supreme court to five, until changed by law, to place the probate jurisdiction in circuit courts, and to leave to the county courts primarily the conduct of county business.

326. Yes.
327. No.
The change proposed will make one election less every four years and reduce the expense of presidential and congressional elections for state officers held at the same time as for presidential elections.

328. Yes.
329. No.
There is no reason why a railroad or other common carrier should grant free transportation to state officers or to county judges or sheriffs, and in our opinion it is not only unfair to the railroads, but is belittling to the state and its officers and tends to place them under obligations which should not exist.

Free Transportation.

"For an act requiring railroads and other common carriers to grant free transportation to state officers and county judges and sheriffs, as a condition precedent to acquiring land for corporate purposes by the exercise of eminent domain, and to prohibit the payment of mileage for such free transportation."

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National Guard Armories.

"An act to appropriate \$25,000 annually for four years to be used in purchasing grounds and building armories for the use of the Oregon national guard, the money to be expended under the supervision of the state military board at any time during the four years, the board not being required to use each appropriation during the year it is appropriated. The Oregon National guard is required to pay by the state treasurer such rental, for the use of said armories, as may be fixed by the state military board."

332. Yes.
333. No.
Under this law no definite number of armories are provided for. They may be erected upon the recommendation of the state military board to towns where one or more companies of the Oregon National guard are located. No limitation is placed upon the cost of the different buildings. In our opinion this law

leaves the way open for large and possibly unnecessary expenditures.

University Appropriation.

314. Yes.
315. No.
The arguments for and against this appropriation have been so generally discussed and understood that we do not deem it necessary to argue the matter further. If we are to have a state university, which we believe we should have, it should be properly maintained.

Limited Power of State.

"For constitutional amendment, giving additional and exclusive power to cities and towns within their corporate limits, to license, regulate, control and tax, or to suppress or prohibit theaters, race tracks, pool rooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, and the sale of liquors, subject to the provisions of the local option law of the state of Oregon."

320. Yes.
321. No.
The purpose of this amendment is to take from the state power of regulation or control over the subjects referred to in the amendment. We think this would be a serious mistake.

Single Tax Amendment.

"For constitutional amendment providing that all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, and all other improvements thereon; all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes; all fences, farm machinery, and appliances used as such; all fruit trees, vines, shrubs, and all other improvements on farms; all livestock; all household furniture in use; and all tools owned by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation in addition to exemptions now authorized by the constitution."

322. Yes.
323. No.
This amendment is revolutionary in the extreme. Its purpose is to cast upon real estate substantially all the burden of taxation and would completely change the system now and heretofore in effect in this state. No such radical measure should be supported by the people without the fullest and most careful consideration. In view of the purely speculative and theoretical reasons advanced in its favor, the uncertainty of its action, and the fact that no person can be charged in the circuit court with the commission of a crime or a misdemeanor except upon indictment found by a grand jury, when a court holds an indictment to be defective, the district attorney may file an amended indictment.

Choosing Jurors.

"For constitutional amendment providing for the choosing of jurors and grand jurors, and that no person can be charged in the circuit court with the commission of a crime or a misdemeanor except upon indictment found by a grand jury, when a court holds an indictment to be defective, the district attorney may file an amended indictment."

334. Yes.
335. No.
We believe that experience has demonstrated that indictments should only be found by a grand jury. The only argument urged in favor of the present method is that it is cheaper. In our opinion it will not do to which the expenditure of money against fundamental principles.

Increasing Powers of Port.

"Shall the corporate powers of the Port of Portland be enlarged by authorizing it to establish and maintain a towage and pilotage service upon the Columbia river bar and on the Willamette and Columbia rivers between the southern limits of said port and the sea; to purchase, lease, control and operate steam tugboats and steam and sail pilot boats upon the rivers and the bar, and to collect charges for such service; and for the purpose of acquiring the same, to issue, sell and dispose of bonds bearing not to exceed 6 per cent interest, and not exceeding in the aggregate \$500,000, such bonds to be retired one tenth each year. The Port of Portland for such purpose to levy a special tax each year sufficient to retire the principal of the bonds and to pay the interest thereon. The act gives the Port of Portland the power to levy a tax not exceeding one cent on the value of the property in the city for the purpose of carrying into effect the general purposes of the act. It is expected that the service will be self-sustaining, and that the tax, other than the tax for the retirement of bonds and paying interest, will be levied only when a vote is likely to occur."

336. Yes.
337. No.
The bill aims through the instrumentality of the Port of Portland to promote the prompt and efficient service between Portland and the sea, and is in the interest of the city.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE OF PORTLAND.

TACOMA WILL ENTERTAIN FLEET

Sound City Makes Preparations for Visit of Battleships.

Special invitations are being sent out to every G. A. R. post and U. S. W. V. camp and other military-fraternal organizations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana to visit Tacoma May 27 to 30, by the G. A. R. publicity committee, of which A. V. Fawcett is chairman. Thousands of Civil and Spanish war veterans and their wives are expected here with the fleet. The local societies will maintain headquarters in Odd Fellows temple and will keep open house during the entire stay of the fleet.

Every mail brings stacks of letters from cities in the northwest telling of the proposed visit to Tacoma of numerous companies of people. Several towns in Washington are preparing to send the children of the public schools to Tacoma to see the battleships. Arrangements are being made for their care while there.

Tacoma's Commercial Club Plans.

Preliminary plans have been completed by the entertainment committee of the Tacoma Commercial club for the reception to be accorded commissioned and warrant officers of Uncle Sam's big battleship fleet Friday night, May 25. The affair will be held in the parlors of the Commercial club's splendid new quarters now nearly completed, the third floor of Chickering hall, and promises to be the most brilliant event in the week of brilliant events planned for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors.

It was originally contemplated to make the reception a formal affair, but the plan has been changed, and full dress will not be required. Attendance will be by invitation only. Secretary O. P. Cosper stated that more than 2,000 invitations will be issued. In the list of invited guests will be Governor Albert B. Mead and his staff, the mayor of every city in Washington, the officials of Pierce county and Tacoma and the leading business, professional and society people of this and nearby cities, as well as the editors of papers throughout the northwest. This will be the first big event handled by the club, and it is not known as yet exactly how many persons the new rooms will accommodate. Secretary Cosper estimates the attendance at 1,000, although this number will probably be considerably exceeded.

In the receiving line will be the members of the Commercial club entertainment committee, the Tacoma fleet entertainment committee, and their wives. The reception hours will be from 5 to 11 o'clock. A large number of the officers will attend the concert to be given by Walter Damrosch and his New York symphony orchestra at the opera house, and the reception will begin early for their accommodation, but luncheon will be served in the Commercial club dining saloon during the evening. S. H. Hyde is chairman of the Commercial club entertainment committee which has the affair in charge.

ALL AT SPOKANE ARE FOR BRYAN

Democratic Delegates His by Hundreds—Turner for Governor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., May 16.—Local Democrats, and outsiders who have thus far arrived, declare that the convention here Monday will declare against the local option plank endorsed by the State Republican convention. Ex-Senator George Turner is the choice of Pierce, King and Spokane counties for temporary chairman, which means his election. Those counties may make the temporary chairman permanent. Turner will be the candidate for governor again and will go to the national convention at Denver, and the leaders want the convention to hear his views on state and national policies, which may be indorsed in the platform.

Have You Seen the "Fleet"?

A commanding view of the great battleship fleet can be had from the high bluffs at Newport, Oregon. The fleet will pass this point under "low bell" Wednesday morning, May 20. The Southern Pacific company and Corvallis & Eastern will sell special tickets from Portland and all Oregon points to Newport and return May 18 and 19. See any local agent or call at the city ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

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THIRTY THOUSAND IN A FORTNIGHT

Josephine Miners' Best Day Yielded \$7,000—Have \$75,000 in Sight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., May 16.—Another bag of gold was brought in today from Williams Creek by Harrison Bros., the two prospectors who uncovered a bonanza in that district recently. These men have cleaned up \$30,000 in the past two weeks and have \$75,000 in sight. Most of this is pure gold and is taken from shallow deposits. On one day the two took out \$7,000. Harrison says that himself and brother have taken out from \$200 to \$5,000 every day since the strike was made.

This discovery was made on the hillside near Williams postoffice and in a district that has been mined for the past 60 years. Harrison Bros. are expert prospectors and have been in the Williams district only since February. The strike has caused a considerable rush to Williams and many claims are being located. Abandoned properties are also being taken up. Miners are now on the ground from all sections of the west.

SAYS BROTHER CHOKED HER AND IS INSANE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., May 16.—A complaint was filed in the office of the county clerk last evening charging D. A. Westhouse with insanity. He was immediately lodged in the county jail to await examination.

Conflicting stories are told. It is alleged by the sister of the accused man, Mrs. Swisher, that on Thursday night he kicked the table over, knocking two lamps on the floor, and choked her, even threatening her life. She is the wife of a rural mail carrier, who is said to be lying at the point of death. The whole neighborhood is excited over the affair.

On being arrested Westhouse declared that his sister is of an excitable disposition and that the two never could live together in peace. He said he had remained at the home of his sister at her earnest solicitation and assisted in caring for her husband, even contributing his earnings to defray the expenses of the household. Westhouse seemed quite rational.

Mrs. Swisher is her husband's substitute on the mail route.

CHICAGO EMPLOY CHINESE POLICE

Chicago, May 16.—For the first time in many years, the Chicago police department has engaged Chinese detectives to aid in preserving peace in Chinatown. The result of the trial of three Chinamen at murdering a wealthy Chinese merchant has so exercised the Chicago Chinese that further warring between the gangs is feared.

Five Chinese slouts have been detailed by Captain O'Brien, of the detective department, to prevent further bloodshed in the chop-suey district.

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JOY FATAL TO HIS FREEDOM

C. B. Atkinson Could Celebrate Only by Violating Pardon Condition.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., May 16.—C. B. Atkinson was pardoned by the governor yesterday with the express stipulation that he should abstain from intoxicating drinks. Atkinson could not refrain from celebrating his freedom from the state prison and landed in the city last night with the result that the pardon was revoked and he was returned to his cell in the penitentiary within 24 hours after he had been pardoned. Atkinson was sent up for a short term for Umatilla county, convicted of uttering false evidence of debt.

LINN DEMOCRATS OPEN CAMPAIGN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., May 16.—The Democratic nomination fight opened the campaign yesterday. They visited Mill City, Gates and Lyons and were repulsed with favor. A systematic campaign of the entire county is planned and the remotest sections of the county will be reached before the election in June. The itinerary includes visits to picnics and other assemblies where the farming classes will meet.

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