

# GIVES PEOPLE LAST WORD ON LAWS

## Supreme Court Decision in Vehicle Tax Case Confirms Power of Electors Under the Referendum — Effect Will Be Salutary.

Great importance is attached to the ruling of the state supreme court on the vehicle tax ordinance by Attorneys Martin Watrus and Frank Freeman, who upheld the validity of the referendum before that court. The effect of the decision on the legislation of the city is dealt with in the following statement given out by the law firm:

When we took the referendum on the vehicle ordinance, the referendum petition being signed by 3290 voters of the city of Portland, and when the city authorities, notwithstanding the filing of the petition, proceeded to enforce the ordinance, it became necessary that a test be made of the efficacy of the constitutional amendment preserving the power of the initiative and referendum to the people of municipalities of the state, as against acts of the common council thereof, or else we must have admitted the inoperativeness of the people's control over the legislation. We and so have treated the constitutional amendment as a dead letter, as the city authorities attempted to do which they insisted upon the enforcement of the ordinance attacked in this case.

**Judge Bakin Right.**  
It is rightly said that under the late decision of Judge Bakin, all ordinances, except those of declared emergency, must stand in abeyance for 30 days after their passage in order that the referendum may be taken, if desired. If within said 30 days, 10 per cent of the legal and qualified voters of the city sign and file a referendum petition against such measure, then it must further remain dormant until the next succeeding regular election, when the people will be given an opportunity to vote as to whether or not it shall become a law.

It must not be supposed that all, or even a moderate proportion of the measures proposed by the city council, will be attacked by the referendum. This will scarcely ever occur except in cases where there exists severe opposition to the measure proposed, for without material and interested opposition it will be difficult to secure the requisite signatures to the petition and if there is such opposition, why should the people not block legislation? It is the will of the people that is guarded by the referendum and not the legislative mania of the common council.

**Present Case Typical.**  
The history of the vehicle ordinance furnishes a good illustration of the class of measures which are liable to be attacked by the referendum. This ordinance placed the burden of a so-called license tax upon all classes of vehicles of every kind, in the city of Portland, except those used for pleasure only. Large numbers of citizens engaged in mercantile pursuits and using free delivery wagons, were opposed to the measure.

Business men, contractors and people of various occupations, using vehicles, not for revenue in the shape of hire, but only as a necessary adjunct to their business, opposed it. These same vehicles were subject to an additional personal property tax and some of these citizens also were charged with taxes. There was strenuous opposition to the passage of the ordinance in the council itself and the ordinance was passed and finally vetoed, but it was passed over his veto.

**Citizens Take Up Fight.**  
Then the opposing citizens took the matter into their own hands and filed the referendum petition against the measure. The city authorities proceeded in disregard of the referendum right, to enforce the ordinance, when we sought to restrain the city from so doing until the people should have opportunity to vote on the question as to whether or not the vehicle ordinance should become a law. The circuit court in ruling upon the demurrer to our bill for injunction, held that the referendum did not apply in the city of Portland. The supreme court in reversing the action of the lower court, holds that the referendum does apply in Portland.

As a matter of right, if the people themselves considered the vehicle ordinance unjust and desired that it should not become a law, it would seem that their will and not that of their representatives should govern and this is the foundation of the referendum principle. If the right is abused it may work real injury, but that injury will fall upon the people themselves. If it is rightly and judiciously used, it is a great instrument of justice.

**City Learns Lesson.**  
The city of Portland has, in the vehicle ordinance case, learned that the referendum is to be enforced. It has learned it at the cost of the return of a few thousand dollars in license fees illegally collected and at the cost of a few hundred dollars spent in litigation, but even at that the lesson is cheaply learned in comparison to what it might have cost in other cases that might have arisen. Regarding the confusion that seems to exist in the city attorney's office and elsewhere because of the possible effect of the decision of the supreme court on our municipal legislation, we believe that there are very few measures proposed and adopted by the common council, outside of those which could rightly be termed "emergency measures" and thereby withdrawn from the referendum power, which require such expedition that 30 days delay in their effectiveness should work great havoc.

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Remedial legislation can carry emergency clauses.  
**Will Not Block Work.**  
There are certain measures that may be passed by the council, in relation to which the city charter requires that certain acts shall be done within 30 days of the passage of the ordinance. These acts are generally wholly ministerial in their character and are required to be performed by certain officials and these acts can, we believe, still be performed, and at the expiration of 30 days after the passage of the ordinance, if the referendum is not taken thereon, the ordinance will become effective and the said ministerial acts will have been lawfully performed. These ministerial acts do not affect the validity of the law itself, but the regularity of the acts done under it and the referendum is not directed against such ministerial acts, although it will, if taken and sustained, nullify those acts.

Naturally there will arise a temporary confusion in some matters, but when the people voted to adopt the constitutional amendments reserving the initiative and referendum rights, it was to be expected that some confusion would result and the end of that confusion is not yet.

**Must Revise Charter.**  
The result of the decision of the supreme court in this litigation indicates the necessity for hastening the pending revision of our city charter and the revisors should have in mind, among the multitude of other things, the harmonizing of the new charter with the new constitution. We are laboring under a partially new system of direct government and we must recognize its existence and provide against a conflict of laws so far as we may.

The late decision also indicates how little the people understood what was to be the effect of the constitutional amendments referred to and demonstrated

that the measures were adopted without the profound study and consideration that they merited. But we have experimented and it is only by continuing to experiment that the wisdom or folly of the mixture of measures of pure democracy with our original form of government can be established.

## HILL SMACKS LIPS OVER OREGON PRUNES

Oregon grows and packed prunes have made a hit with President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern railroad, and he promises to become as great a boomer of prunes as he is of Hill railroad stock.  
Some weeks ago C. F. Harder, general agent for the Great Northern lines here, forwarded a sample box of Oregon prunes to Mr. Hill. Yesterday Mr. Harder received a letter from Mr. Hill thanking him for the prunes.  
"I consider them most excellent," wrote Mr. Hill, "and the equal of any imported French prunes. I am going to order a number of boxes for distribution among my friends here."

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The change in time of trains Nos. 4 and 5 of the O. R. & N. will be of much advantage to Portland wholesalers and to the business men of eastern Oregon and other towns along the line. No. 5, the overland limited, which has heretofore arrived at 9:45 a. m., will get into Portland at 7:30 in the morning. As the mail is distributed on the train it will be all ready for the first city delivery.  
No. 4 now will leave for Spokane at 5 p. m., instead of at 8:15 under the old schedule. With the arrival of mail from the eastern Oregon merchants on No. 5, it will be possible for the Portland dealers to answer correspondence and fill shipments the same day.  
The new time table goes into effect Sunday.

## SONS OF REVOLUTION DISCUSS HAMILTON

Alexander Hamilton was the subject of three interesting papers read before

the society of the Sons of the American Revolution at a smoker held last night in the convention hall of the Commercial club. R. F. Robinson, county school superintendent, discussed that part of Hamilton's life ending with the revolutionary war, dealing particularly with his career as a soldier.  
Thomas J. Cleaton dealt with Hamilton as a member of Washington's cabinet and reviewed the part he played in the formation of the government.  
Professor James F. Ewing of the Portland academy confined his remarks to a portrayal of the long and bitter political controversy which finally ended in the famous duel and the death of Hamilton at the hands of Aaron Burr. Professor Ewing took the position that Hamilton forced Burr into challenging him to mortal combat, declaring that Hamilton's abuse of Burr was without justification. He scouted the popular belief that Burr was an assassin, calling attention to the fact that 100 years ago the duel was considered an honorable method of settling personal differences between gentlemen.  
Following the reading of the papers an informal reception was held and light refreshments served.

## PLUNGER LEWIS GIVEN TWO YEARS

"Plunger" Harry Lewis, alias Harry Clark, who is said to be the husband of the original "Fluffy Ruffles," pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery before Judge Gantenbein in the circuit court yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. He is said to be wanted in other states and has had a sensational career as a plunger at the race tracks. The charge to which he pleaded guilty was in passing a worthless note for \$100, drawn on the First National bank of Coquille.

## EARNEST SUFFRAGE WORKER TELLS OF CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON

The movement of organizing self-supporting women of the state of Washington into an equal suffrage club has met with flattering success, and the club organized is expected to do great work this winter at the Washington legislature when a bill is to be presented, according to Miss Elyne E. Wallin, who is in Portland for a few days.  
Miss Wallin is president of the Young Women's Educational club, and is actively connected with the Washington Equal Suffrage association with headquarters in the Arcade building, Seattle.

"We are quite rapidly organizing the self-supporting women," said Miss Wallin. "To begin with we took in the office girls and as we got them thoroughly organized our attention will be directed to the store girls. We really think there are 1000 office girls in Seattle. Of course that takes in stenographers, telephone girls and bookkeepers. Later we intend to get factory girls and domestics interested in the work. The office girls have taken very well to the work, most of them being apparently broad minded. At first they require considerable education, most girls being absolutely ignorant of the meaning of women's suffrage. But when you tell them of it, they generally accept it very readily. Instead of being a political movement, it is a movement for the betterment of women's condition or conditions generally, and this is something they do not seem to understand until they have had it explained."  
"At the next legislature in January

we will present a bill to be voted on by the men of the state a year from next November. We have really great hopes of carrying it so that henceforth the women of Washington will have the opportunity of electing all officers on the same terms as men.  
"I think really that universal suffrage would bring harmony rather than dissension because there are many people who think they are not equal, unless the law so recognizes them."

**This Is Worth Reading.**  
Leo F. Zelinski, of 58 Gibson street, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone. Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Woodward, Clarke & Co.'s drug store, etc."

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**We Absolutely Have a Proven Gold Mine With Seven Hundred Tons of \$10 Ore Already in Sight**

And it is free milling and concentrating rock, every pound of it. It is the same as that of Mr. Hearst's Homestake mine in the Black Hills, except that his ore runs but \$2.95 to the ton, and ours \$10. He has 1000 stamps running day and night, and one of the best paying propositions in gold mining in the world. His mine has been in operation for 30 years. It has made millions upon millions for its stockholders, Mr. Hearst being the largest one of the lot. The Homestake mills every pound of rock it mines. So shall we. There will be no waste. This is the great advantage of low grade ore. The gold is not in pockets. It does not require all the profits of one pocket to find another. The low grade gold mine is a profit producer every day. There has not been an hour in 30 years that the Homestake has not made money for its owners, and the same is true of all low grade, free milling gold mines. These are the properties that are readily sold to experienced miners. The buyer knows what he is getting. There have been a thousand offers for the Treadwell of Alaska, yet it is but seldom that its quartz runs up to \$4 per ton. Like others of its class, of which ours will be one, it may be relied upon every day of the year, hence it is not for sale, because worth as much to its present stockholders as it can be to any others.

**There Is Not an Atom of Risk to Run in Our Mine**

We proved its worth before we offered a share of its stock for sale. We put our own good money into it, and it is only because we lack \$3000 to \$4000 of enough to remove and reinstall our 10 stamp mill that we are selling these shares now. And, depend upon it, we are offering a kindness to those who buy our shares. We are giving all such an opportunity to step in on equal terms with the rest of us—we who took all the chances—and at the same prices we put up for every share we own.

**We Are Incorporated for Only \$100,000 and Have No "Promotion" Stock**

The mining "game" is always in its "promotion" shares—stock the promoters simply take and pay nothing for it. Not a share of that in our company. Everything is on the square. The person coming in with us now stands upon the same plane as those who invested and helped to set the ball in motion, and THE MINE HAS PASSED ALL SPECULATION AS TO MERIT AND WORTH! We ABSOLUTELY have the gold—anyone may see it for themselves—it is in plain view.

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If a laborer were paid \$5 per day for every one of the 313 working days of each year for 10 years, he would receive \$15,650. This, of course, contemplates no holidays, no sickness and no idleness of any kind. If he paid \$5 per week for board during this time, the bill would be \$2800. If it cost him \$100 per year for clothing and another \$100 for medical attention, laundry, amusements and miscellaneous necessities, \$2000 more must be added to his expense account. Deducting no other items, the laborer would bank \$11,050.

Now, with a small equipment, we can easily pay 60 per cent per year. But we shall not be content with such results. Life is too short to take forever to mine out all the ore we have in this big mountain. We shall be able to pay 100 per cent a little later on, but suppose we pay only 60 per cent, and a man invested \$1800, for example, in the stock of the Oregon Gold Hill Mining Company, and received and banked his 60 per cent each year, at the end of 10 years he would have the handsome little fortune of \$12,000 to the good, or \$950 more than his 10 years' toil amounted to at \$5 per day. And from that \$12,000 there would be no deductions for anything. On the contrary, if at interest all this time, as received from the mine, there would be a splendid addition to the sum.

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