

NOT LESS THAN 32 MEASURES TO BE UP TO THE VOTERS

New Constitution Proposed by U'Ren, Single Tax and Minimum Wage Bills, Among the Most Important.

Not less than 32 measures are now in sight to be submitted to the voters of Oregon on the November ballot, and the outlook is good for the adoption of several more initiative bills. Two years ago the people voted on 22 amendments or bills, and this record is likely to be beaten this year, both as to the number of bills and importance of the legislation.

Politically, the most important amendment will be the "new constitution" proposed by W. B. U'Ren. Industrially, the most important will be the single tax and minimum wage bills. Others of great importance will be the equal suffrage, prohibition and good road bills.

The last legislature is directly responsible for not less than ten measures, and may be credited with others. In view of the fact that two commissions named to prepare bills for revision of the insurance laws and judicial system have made no legislative report. It is probable that the legislation framed by these commissions will be reserved for the next legislature, but it is yet possible the initiative will be used.

Dealing With Taxation.

Three of the amendments directly proposed by the legislature deal with taxation. Their effect would be to give the state power to classify property for purposes of taxation at different rates following the Wisconsin system. The power of counties to pass taxation laws for themselves would be taken away, and the people would not be required to vote on every matter dealing with taxation.

Another amendment proposed by the legislature would make the stockholders in state banks liable for twice the amount of their subscriptions, corresponding to the national banking law in that respect.

Another proposal by the legislature would make it necessary to have a majority of all votes cast at any election to approve an amendment to the constitution. The effect of this change would be to count as negative votes against any amendment all who fail to vote on the amendment. The proportion of those failing to vote is sometimes large. Another effect of the amendment would be to make it more difficult to amend the constitution than to pass a bill by the initiative.

Still another amendment coming from the legislature would establish the office of lieutenant governor. A commission on revision of the taxation laws appointed by the legislature will submit four measures.

Referendum Invoked.

The referendum has been invoked on the bills passed by the legislature. In consequence the people will vote on two bills appropriating money for the University of Oregon and on the Malheur public service commission bill, whereby the jurisdiction of the state railroad commission would be extended over the regulation of all public service corporations in the state.

The U'Ren "new constitution" would give Oregon a new brand of government, the cabinet system, a manager of state business, proportional representation, preferential voting, and many other innovations.

Six good roads bills are in circulation from the "harmony" committee, embracing the plan for state and local convicts, work, and two other road bills, all proposed as substitutes by the State Engineer.

Votes for women will be granted if an amendment already on file at Salem is approved, and either a bill or amendment is expected from the "drys" to kill off the liquor traffic.

A modified single tax measure is offered by W. B. U'Ren and associates. One feature is the imposition of a heavy tax, adjusted to a sliding scale, on all franchise and real estate holdings when the assessed valuation is \$10,000 or more.

Minimum Wage Bill.

The minimum wage bill comes from the Federation of Labor, and proposes to make it unlawful to pay less than \$1.65 per day for common labor, adopting also numerous restrictions on hours and condition of labor.

A bill is now framed to provide for county division and annexation of territory to cities by general laws, so county division fights may be localized. Another bill deals with freight rates, adopting new technical classifications for freight service.

Abolition of capital punishment is another question to be settled by vote of the people. A bill will be submitted to place the state printer on a flat salary at once instead of waiting until the end of the present state printer's term.

G. A. R. veterans are behind a bill to make the anniversary of Lincoln's birth a holiday. An amendment to the employer's liability law passed two years ago is being prepared. An amendment to the primary law to give greater vitality to party committees is possible, and there is always a chance for a flood of county division bills. The last election, when eight county division plans were voted down, has somewhat dampened the ardor of the county slicers.

WHITE HAIR MEN FORM JURY TO TRY PROMOTOR OF CULT

(United Press Special Wire.)

Los Angeles, May 29.—A jury of white haired men will try Gorman Tufts Jr., acetic and mystic, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Tufts, who was the founder of an oriental cult and against whom his wife, Mrs. Jennie Roe Tufts, has instituted divorce proceedings, was placed on trial late yesterday before Judge Willis. The defense, within a few minutes, had exercised its 10 per centory challenges to rid the panel of young men. None, but gray haired benedicts were accepted.

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DEVELOPERS WILL REORGANIZE BODY

Centralia Plans Entertainment for Big Crowd at Festival.

(Special to The Journal.)

Centralia, Wash., May 29.—Centralia is ready for the "Hub City Festival," which will open tomorrow. The festival will be held in connection with the midsummer meeting of the Northwest Washington Development association.

The town is freshly decorated with flags and bunting and electric lights. The festival will open Thursday morning with memorial services. This will be followed by an inspection of the \$125,000 high school and the christening of Centralia's new seaplane, the "Centralia," by Miss Genette Haddock. The afternoon will be devoted to Memorial Day services and parade. Thursday night the new high school will be dedicated; the dedicatory address to be made by H. B. Dewey, state superintendent of public instruction.

The program Friday includes an airplane flight by Claude Berlin, the dedication of Centralia's new postoffice and the laying of the cornerstone of the Carnegie library under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. A big automobile parade will be one of the features of Saturday's program. Centralia's new depot will also be dedicated Saturday. George T. Kell, general counsel for the Northern Pacific, delivering the dedicatory address. The three days' festivities will conclude Saturday night with a dance and banquet.

The regular sessions of the Northwest Washington Development association will be held in the auditorium of the new high school. A big good roads session Friday night under the direction of State Highway Commissioner J. W. Roberts and Governor Hay will be one of the features of the development program.

At the meeting the development association will be reorganized. The committee on constitution, which was appointed at the Olympia meeting, will make its report. The constitution committee consists of N. B. Coffman of Chehalis, chairman, C. J. Lord of Olympia, Lloyd Dubois of Vancouver, W. J. Patterson of Aberdeen and C. J. Driscoll of South Bend.

DR. F. E. MOORE AGAIN HONORED BY GOVERNOR

After serving five years as osteopathic member of the state board of medical examiners of Oregon Dr. F. E. Moore of Portland has received notice that Governor West had honored him with reappointment to the office. Dr. Moore received his first appointment from Governor Chamberlain. He is now the senior member of the board.

Dr. Moore came to Portland and established offices the first of the year. During the year preceding he was abroad studying and visiting in the hospitals and clinics of Europe. He came to Oregon 12 years ago and located in La Grande.

The honor of being the only past president of the National Osteopathic association from the Pacific coast is his and he is also a past president of the Oregon Osteopathic association. He is a graduate of the American school of Osteopathy and of the Northwest Institute of Osteopathy of Minneapolis.

ASKS \$30,000 FOR DEATH OF SON AT THE DALLES

Suit for \$30,000 damages for the death of David Baldwin, started by his mother, Mrs. Mary Baldwin, against the Pacific Power & Light company, which furnishes the light and power at The Dalles, and B. P. Bailey, manager of the company, has been removed from the circuit court of The Dalles by Judge W. L. Bradshaw to the United States district court. Mrs. Baldwin is a resident of Juneau county, Wis., and the company is incorporated in Maine. The suit arose from the death of young Bradshaw while employed in the construction of the lines of the company. According to the complaint Baldwin was killed by being thrown to the ground from one of the poles when he was in contact with a high voltage wire, and died within a short time. The complaint cites that the cross arms were not marked "dangerous" as provided according to I. W. The defense claims that Baldwin was warned of the danger before he climbed the pole.

MME. NORELLI TO SING AT CHARITY CONCERT

A concert will be given at the Heilig theatre next Sunday afternoon by Madame Norelli, for the benefit of the St. Agnes Baby home at Park Place, which is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. Madame Norelli will donate her services free. The concert will start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The distinguished soprano will be assisted by Marion de la Parelle, a baritone, and the stringed orchestra of St. Mthys' academy will play several selections. The orchestra is composed exclusively of girls.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale at the Heilig, at the different Catholic parish houses and are being sold by members of the various Catholic societies. Prices for reserved seats range from 50 cents to \$1.

The money thus raised will be expended in making a number of necessary improvements at St. Agnes home. There are 90 orphaned and half orphaned children. The proposed improvements that will include a new furnace, will demand an outlay of \$2,000.

Polk Pioneer of 1852 Dies.

(Special to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., May 29.—Silas W. Smith, age 68, died at his home in Walla Walla. Mr. Smith was born in Warren county, Illinois, August 15, 1844, and lived there until 1863, when he crossed the plains and settled in Polk county, Oregon. He went to Walla Walla in 1888 from Independence, Or., and engaged in business, being ten years later at the head of the W. S. Smith mercantile company. He retired several years ago.

Mr. Smith leaves a widow and five children and three brothers, one a resident of Portland, one of Monmouth, Or., and one of Marshfield, Or.

BULLETIN REVIEWS IN DETAIL WATER CODE OF OREGON

Methods of Measurement Are Shown; Suggestions Asked by State Engineer; Plan Is Aimed at "Water Hog."

A bulletin on the Oregon system of water titles has been issued from the office of State Engineer John H. Lewis, and with it a folder with return postcard attachment, whereby it is expected that much useful information will be disseminated and the state engineer will be placed in possession of the views of water users all over the state.

The bulletin gives a review of what has been accomplished in three years since the passage of the Oregon water code in determining water titles and bringing order out of chaos. Methods of measurement are pointed out, and a summary is given of the water code, showing how to proceed in the determination of old rights and the initiation of new claims.

In the accompanying folder the state engineer invites suggestions and explains that he is trying to ascertain public sentiment as to further recommendations for legislation. Nine questions are asked on the postcard for water users to answer. Inviting these answers, Mr. Lewis says:

Aimed at Water Hog.

"To maintain and perfect this law the support and collective wisdom of the water user and the public spirited citizen must be had. The state's administrative system is for the protection of the water user against the water hog. It is the foundation for future development. It is intended to make water titles definite and certain, thus reducing litigation. For this reason the water user should lend his influence in the support and improvement of the law."

The engineer has also compiled a large quantity of data to uphold the state's interest in the unappropriated waters of the Walla Walla and other streams in controversy in the suit of the Little Walla Walla Irrigation union and about 40 others against the Finis Irrigation company and about 400 others. This data has been put in the form of a brief filed in the supreme court by Attorney General Crawford.

This brief deals with the "duty of water," or the amount needed in specific cases for irrigation purposes. Expert testimony on this subject is offered taken from many states. In concluding this brief the state engineer says:

Public Interest.

"A conservative estimate as to the value of land and water in this valley would be \$400 an acre, and of land without water \$25 per acre. Therefore, assuming one second foot of water (40 inches) sufficient for 80 acres, its value would be approximately \$32,000. If four second feet are applied, \$128,000 worth of water is thus granted to this land, which as a result may not produce any more, or possibly as much, as if the smaller quantity of water were applied."

"The recovery of some of this water from underground sources will doubtless modify these figures somewhat. It should be remembered, however, that much of this underground water passes over the state line into Washington without benefit to citizens of Oregon."

"The public is therefore vitally interested in this controversy, and the rights of the water user against the water hog of this stream are worthy of the most careful consideration."

Y. M. C. A. STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FRIDAY

Two hundred eighty-five certificates and 17 diplomas will be awarded to students at the annual graduating exercises of the Portland Young Men's Christian association, which will be held next Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Twenty-seven different courses are represented by those who will receive awards. The exercises will be public and the Y. M. C. A. directors are anxious for a large attendance of persons interested in the association work.

W. M. Ladd will preside. The annual address will be delivered by Edgar B. Piper. The address to the graduates of the school of pharmacy will be delivered by Dr. B. F. Jones, who will speak on "Pharmacy as a Profession." E. B. MacNaughton, chairman of the educational committee of the directors, will present the certificates.

The Y. M. C. A. educational department is confiding the most prosperous year in its history. The registration has been larger than ever before and several new lines of instruction have been taken up. The members of the educational committee are E. B. MacNaughton, C. F. Johnson, Fletcher Linn, Harold Rice, B. S. Huntington, F. C. Knapp, W. D. Clark, W. B. Winstanley and Edward O. Sisdon.

Arizona Primary on Today.

(United Press Special Wire.)

Phoenix, Ariz., May 29.—Arizona Democrats are voting today in their first presidential primary election. The state has been divided into six districts by the state central committee and delegates to the Democratic convention are being chosen in each. At the same time the voters are expressing their presidential preference. Sponsors of the delegate receiving the highest preferential vote will name the state's four delegates at large.

MASSIVE ELKS' CLOCK SIGN WILL CONTAIN 1000 ELECTRIC LIGHTS

What will probably be the most expensive sign to be seen during the Elks' convention, will be that which will be placed on the roof of the Portland hotel the latter part of June. It will be 32 by 42 feet. It will contain more than 1000 electric lights. The words: "Welcome B. P. O. E." will appear in the center of it, and a huge clock, the hands pointing to 11, will be lighted. This sign will be brought from Atlantic City, where it took first prize last year. It also won first prize at the reunions in Philadelphia and Detroit. The original cost of the huge sign was within the neighborhood of \$750 and by the time it is laid down here and placed in position it will probably have cost close to \$1000.

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