

# 60-DAY SESSION, WITH \$5 PER DAY, PROPOSED CHANGE

Seven proposed amendments to the state constitution and four measures—13 propositions in all—were submitted to the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 2. For the information of the voters these various proposals will be summarized and their provisions stated in brief form, commencing with the first to appear on the ballot and continue in the order in which they will be found there. All are important, some of vital moment to the future welfare of the state and its citizens. Because of this every voter owes a duty not only to the public but to himself individually to digest these different amendments and measures and to register his vote for or against each according to the conclusion he reaches as to the wisdom or unwisdom of each.

The second proposal to appear on the state ballot bears the ballot title of "constitutional amendment regulating legislative sessions and the payment of legislators." In brief, the amendment proposes to lengthen the regular sessions of the legislature from 40 to 60 days and to increase the compensation of the members from \$3 to \$5 a day.

There is a current impression among the people of the state that the constitution now limits the length of the regular sessions of the legislature to 40 days, but this is not the case. It is the compensation that limitation in the great majority of the sessions, for the constitution merely provides that the members of the legislature "shall receive for their services a sum not exceeding \$3 a day, from the commencement of the session; but such pay shall not exceed in the aggregate \$120 per diem allowance for any one session."

**DATA PROPOSED.**  
This total divided by three makes 40, and that is usually as many days as any session continues, for when the pay stops it stops.  
Extra sessions are definitely limited to 20 days by the constitution.

The proposed amendment, which is to section 29 of article 4 of the constitution, says specifically that "the legislative session shall not exceed 60 days in duration of actual working days and the members of the legislative assembly shall receive for their services a sum not to exceed \$300 per member." The amendment also cares for the special session by providing that "when convened in extra session by the governor they (the members) shall receive a sum not to exceed the sum of \$5 per day; but no extra session shall continue for a longer period than 20 days."

This then is the gist of the amendment so far as it relates to the length of the session and the compensation of the members; it extends the session to 60 days and raises the compensation to \$5, although, and this point has not been much commented upon by the proponents of the measure, it would be possible under its terms for the full \$300 to be paid a member even though the regular session continued for only ten days.

**NO PER DIEM FIXED**  
There is, in other words, nothing in the amendment to prevent a 20 day regular session with the first to appear on the terms that would prevent the payment of the \$300 for such a session, for no per diem is fixed for the regular session.

There is another important section contained in the amendment relating to the introduction of bills. It says: "No bill shall be introduced after the fortieth day of the session except appropriation bills or bills pertaining to the defense of the state or nation, except by unanimous consent of the members of the legislative assembly obtained on roll call."  
The purpose of this provision is to confine the attention of the legislature during the last 20 days of a 60 day session to the final consideration of all bills other than those falling under the exceptions given.

**TO AVOID JAM**  
It is an attempt to do away with the customary jam and turmoil which marks the closing days of every legislature. Whether it would be effective is a question under the rules under which the legislature now works provide that no new bill may be introduced after the twentieth day except appropriation bills; a rule which is continually defeated by introduction of new bills under unanimous consent.

There is this difference between the provisions of the rule and the proposed amendment, however: for, while under the rule a two-thirds vote may suspend the rule and let a new bill in, under the amendment it would seem that the negative vote of one member, either in the house or senate, would bar the introduction, for the amendment calls for the "unanimous consent of the members of the legislative assembly obtained on roll call." Incidentally, the power of this one negative vote would put a tempting weapon in the hands of any member who might be inclined to do a little filibustering during the closing days of a session.

**ARGUMENTS GIVEN**  
It is argued by the proponents of the amendment, which was referred to the people by the 1919 session of the legislature, that its adoption would increase the working time of the session by about 25 days, for Sundays and holidays would be excluded in the computation of the session's duration. It is also argued that the amendment limits the compensation to \$5 per day, which is true, should the session run for 60 days, but not should it be curtailed to 40 or less, for the compensation of each member is limited to \$300 for the session, not to \$5 per day, except in special sessions.  
Those who decide that the provisions of the amendment are sound and should be adopted will vote "302 X Yes," those who are against the adoption of the amendment should note "302 X No."

**Chamberlain Will Visit Linn Towns**

Albany, Oct. 19.—Senator George E. Chamberlain has outlined his itinerary for Linn county Friday and Saturday. He will arrive in Albany Friday morning and will continue to Halsey, Shedd, Tangent, Harrisburg, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Holley and Crawfordville, Saturday afternoon he will return to Albany, and in the evening will address a meeting here.

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# BAKER GIVES GLAD HAND TO PORTLAND

By Fred Lockley  
Baker, Or., Oct. 19.—Monday was a busy day for the Portland delegates of the Trade Extension excursion. The forenoon was spent in the defense of the state or nation, except by unanimous consent of the members of the legislative assembly obtained on roll call.

In the evening the Portland men gave a banquet to the business men of Baker. It was served in the Y. M. C. A. by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. W. S. Levens, the toastmaster, said: "This is the first time since 1873 that Portland merchants have banqueted the merchants of Baker," and he hoped that would become an annual event.

**PORTLAND'S AID NEEDED.**  
A. A. Smith, in his address of welcome, told of the resources of Baker county, and said that Eastern Oregon needed the help of Portland to solve their financial and material problems. He spoke of the need of cooperation and teamwork for the upbuilding of the entire state.

A. J. Bale, vice-president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, said: "We have not brought a sample trunk nor an order book with us. We are here to meet you and greet you and show our friendship for you."  
He pledged the support of Portland in the development of Portland tributary territory.

Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, talked on "Why the Matter With Portland." He said: "Here is where I am going to skin you men of Portland and hang your hides on the fence. We are glad you are here to meet the men whose money you have been taking for the past 55 years."

**VISITOR IS BLURRED.**  
"Until recently Portland business men have thought that Portland was Oregon. You have thought of Baker as a town of shacks and sage brush, where the dust was knee deep and the men were rude and uncultured. Beyond The Dalles all Eastern Oregon was mystery to you."

"Let me tell you some facts. Our merchants say your prices on men's clothing are higher than elsewhere, that your ladies' ready-to-wear suits are too high, your druggist's supplies higher than elsewhere, and the service is not good."  
"We can buy fish cheaper in Seattle than in Portland. On furniture and many other lines Portland's prices are better than elsewhere."  
"Baker is the gateway to Eastern Oregon. You need good roads leading to Portland or you won't get the tourists. Dollars are more than lax in not providing camp ground for auto tourists."

"Irrigation made Idaho. It can make Oregon. We have 120,000 acres in our county needing irrigation, we have the water and the sites, but we need the cash. We need Portland's help to secure irrigation. We need better mail service."

**AT MERCY OF ROAD.**  
"We have only one westbound mail train a day. We are at the mercy of the railroad. They do not seem to appreciate our business. Our passenger service couldn't be worse. Portland must help us secure better railroad service."

# Roadway Is Planked By Railroad Company

Williams, Or., Oct. 19.—The road between Williams and Grand Ronde, the impassable condition of which led to orders from the state public service commission to the Williams & Grand Ronde Railroad company to improve it, has been planked by the company. The planking was begun before the issuance of the order.

**Barbara Jean Arrives**  
Salem, October 19.—Public Service

# Hunting Companion Confesses That He Shot Wayne Baldwin

Port Orchard, Wash., Oct. 19.—(U. P.)—John Baker of Sellaquam confessed yesterday that it was he who shot and killed Wayne Baldwin in the woods near Allyn early Saturday morning. He declared that he had shot his hunting partner while they were "shining deer" at night, having mistaken the light that Allyn carried for the gleam of the deer's eye.

Baker's first story that Baldwin had been mysteriously slain by a third party was made up on the spur of the moment while he was on the run from hysteria after shooting his companion, Baker declared.

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# Through Tickets, Warsaw To Portland, Available

Official notice has been received by Dorsey B. Smith, Journal Travel Bureau, that prepaid tickets will now be issued from Warsaw, through to Portland, Or., with the understanding that the steamship company will take charge of the passengers at the time they leave Warsaw. This will enable Portland Poies to bring their people over from the home country.

# Commissioner and Mrs. Fred A. Williams Announce the Arrival of an Eight- pound Daughter at their home in this city Saturday evening. They have named her Barbara Jean Williams.

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# Wheat Embargo Is Asked by Senator

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Senator John F. Nugent of Idaho has sent a telegram to President Wilson urging that an immediate embargo be placed on wheat shipments from Canada into this country. Senator Nugent declares that under present conditions the farmers of this country will not receive fair competition.

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