

Oregon Voters May See Long 'Measure Ballot' Nov. 4

12 Issues Set For Election

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No matter who the Democrats and Republicans put up for President of the United States, Oregon voters are going to see some political fireworks of their own next November. They may also see one of the longest "measures ballots" many of them can remember.

By the middle of last week there was a chance that 31 measures would appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot. If all 31 make it, as they probably won't, it will be the greatest collection of measures submitted to the people since 1912. In that year Oregon voters passed on a record-breaking 44 measures, including one which would have abolished Wallawa County High School and another which would have prohibited a Harney County court house before 1916.

HOW MANY of the 31 measures for which petitions have been taken out will actually get on the ballot will not be known until July 3. That is the deadline for advocates of the measures to submit their petitions, signed by 26,286 registered voters, to the secretary of state.

Already twelve are assured places on the ballot. In 1950, voters had to pass on only nine. Nineteen initiative petitions are out for signatures and may get on the ballot.

Some of the measures are highly controversial. Among them are such problems as veterans, old age assistance, time, milk, liquor, fish, gambling and legislative reapportionment. Another controversial item will be approval or disapproval of the truck tax bill which the legislature passed last session, only to have trucking interest stop it with a referendum petition.

ANOTHER WHICH may work up quite a little heat under voters' collars is approval or disapproval of the school district reorganization act which the legislature passed last session. The state grange has declared war on

Rover Becomes Useful Vehicle

BIRMINGHAM, England — (NEA)—The "land rover"—a variant of the American jeep which can almost climb a tree—is carrying a yeomanlike load in helping to support the British economy and defense programs.

Slightly heavier than a conventional jeep, but otherwise very similar, the land rover was first produced in small quantities in 1948 and was aimed to meet the needs of the farmer.

It did the job admirably, becoming an all-purpose, go-anywhere vehicle that could do almost anything from pulling a tractor to running a threshing machine.

ITS REAR and center power takeoffs made it a mobile power unit, suitable for driving air compressors for tree or plant spraying, chaff cutters, circular saws and countless other machines. It has even been used to power electric milking machines.

Today, however, the land rover serves many other purposes besides farming. It is an important part of Britain's export drive and defense program.

Some 400 land rovers a week are now coming off the assembly line. About 80 per cent are going overseas — at \$1,400 each.

THOSE WHICH don't go abroad are being snapped up by the Army and Air Force, which means that the average Briton who wants to buy one for his personal use now faces a two-year waiting period.

About 15 per cent of the machinery making land rovers is American made, acquired through regular commercial channels or supplied under the Mutual Security Program.

Much of the export trade is with Belgium, which uses land rovers in its military program. Although the size of the contract with the Belgian Army is described only as "considerable" for security reasons, it is expected that the entire army will be equipped with them.

Last year, Belgium decided to begin manufacturing the vehicles herself under a deal arranged through the European Payments Union, a clearing house for intra-Europe trade set up under the Marshall Plan.

Eventually, says Livingston, they hope to embark on a regular program of supplying classes and clubs with records. Their plan is to supply a record a week at a low price, and throw in a bonus record with every fourth purchase.

But, for the present, they're concentrating on the first package, Record No. 1 in the series, consisting of Mendelssohn's overture and incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and his Nocturne, Scherzo and Wedding March, is finished.

Subsequent records will include works by Schubert, Beethoven, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Rossini, Wagner, Mozart, Haydn, Strauss, Liszt, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Grieg, Brahms and others. When the whole set is finished, Spaeth says, a school will have "a practical library of permanently significant music."

this section of the "Holy report" and has promised to fight it to the mat.

Some measures will probably get very little notice. Among them are bills which would legalize present practices or which are just legal window-dressing. A sample is the measure which would legalize actions of the state emergency board. There is some question now about the legality of what the board does.

Already assured places on the ballot are the following measures:

- The cigarette tax and its "fair trade" provision passed by the legislature last session.
- A state 6-mill property tax.
- A small change in terms of state legislators.
- A constitutional amendment legalizing activities of the emergency board.
- A constitutional amendment making the superintendent of public instruction appointive rather than elective.
- A change in the rules for amending laws.
- A state "G.I. bill" for veterans

and farms and homes.

- Relaxation of the 6 per cent tax limitation by changing the tax base.
- Transfer of World War I veterans sinking fund to general school fund.
- Construction of state old folks' home near Portland.
- School district reorganization act passed by the 1951 legislature.
- The controversial "truck bill."

If their backers get the needed signatures on petitions these 19

initiative measures will make the ballot:

- A bill calling for uniform standard time.
- One calling for daylight time every summer.
- One authorizing liquor by the drink.
- Another making the state "bone" dry.
- One re-writing the milk control law.
- Another abolishing it entirely.
- An act to prohibit barbering on Mondays.

Hiking Champ Rolls on at 82

OBERLIN, O.—(UP)—Andrew Fenn, champion walker in these parts, is back in his customary hiking garb of tee-shirt and shorts for his daily five-mile stint.

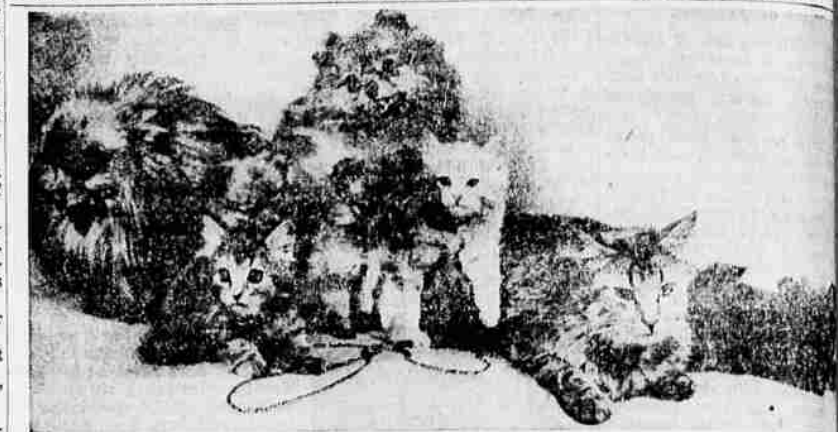
During the winter, Fenn dresses like everyone else but now that spring is here he sheds the cumbersome garments of cold weather, grabs his walking stick and out into the sunshine.

Basing his experience gained from his 82 years and more than 60,000 miles of walking, Fenn said "walking is the ideal exercise. There's no strain. It's a natural buildup and the exercise is evenly distributed."

His wife, Mrs. Edna Fenn, who doesn't follow her husband's vigorous hobby, "but we learn to humor was reared in the gentle south, men down there," she said.

- Prohibition of commercial fishing in the Columbia River and tributaries at night.
- Prohibition of commercial fishing in coastal streams south of the Columbia at any time, day or night.
- Prohibition of horse and dog racing.
- A bill guaranteeing Portland 25 per cent of the take from racing.
- An appropriation to support fairs, shows and expositions if racing should be outlawed.
- Reapportionment of the legislature along constitutional lines.
- Repeal of the veterans' bonus passed by the voters two years ago.
- A two per cent sales tax for old age pensions.
- A one-half of one per cent income tax for old age pensions.
- Repeal of "prior claim law" for welfare recipients.
- Repeal of "relative responsibility law" for old age pensioners.
- An act stopping cities and counties from levying truck taxes.

lot. But the more controversial of being on the ballot, and ones are almost certain to find 19 more which may be on their way to the voter Nov. 4. With a dozen already assured be up for consideration.



IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN to a dog, says "Pop" Pomeranian who doesn't approve this family portrait. Seems Mama Pomeranian couldn't take care of their three pups, so an old Persian friend, with two kittens, took over the job. Everyone else the home of Viola Van Dieman in Milwaukee is pleased with the arrangement.

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