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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1910.
THE AWFUL "32."
There are 32 initiative and refer-
endum measures on the November
ballot, 13 more than were ever sub-
mitted at one time before. Of the
total number, in our judgment less
than one-third are debatable ques-
tions. To put it another way, more
than two-thirds of them will require
no study or hesitancy on the part
of the average voter to mark yes or no
on his ballot. They are either famil-
iar questions to him, about which
he has long since made up his mind,
or else are so clearly good or bad
that a man with half horse sense
knows intuitively how to vote.
For instance take the first one on
the ballot—the extension of the
franchise to women tax payers. We

all have heard that threshed out
since we were boys, and everyone
has his opinion about it; an opinion
that would take considerable evi-
dence or strong argument to change.
With many people, probably a ma-
jority, the same is true of the state-
wide prohibition amendment, al-
though you will see later on in this
article that we class it among the de-
batable questions.
An instance of the clearly wrong
measure is No. 346-347, found on page
132 of the Voters pamphlet—a bill
to create a board to inquire into the
subject of employers liability, and
appropriating \$1000 for the board to
waste. All the information that
board could possibly collect is al-
ready available. This measure is
defeat No. 330 (page 81 of the pam-
phlet).

Enemies of the initiative and refer-
endum, particularly the Orego-
nian newspaper, are attempting to
ridicule the submission of these
measures to the people. They say
the people are too ignorant and too
careless to vote intelligently on
measures that concern them; that
all such measures should be left to
the legislature.
The Oregonian has made a great
whoop-de-doodle because, it as-
serts, that out of 300 Portland vot-
ers interviewed only a small per-
cent had made up their minds how
they would vote. That, what the
Oregonian says, but a score of in-
stances show that the Oregonian
will stoop to any baseness in the
litter war against the people's rule.
But admitting the Oregonian's fig-
ures to be correct, the same fig-
ures showed that a large per cent
of the voters supposed to have been
interviewed were studying the mea-
sures, and the arguments pro and con
as set forth in the Voters pamphlet.
And that's more than the average
legislator does.

Besides the intelligent voters of
the state are not found in the
stores or on the streets of Port-
land, or other towns. The city
business man is too busy trying to
corral some other fellow's share of
this world's goods, to pay any
heed to the duties and obligations
of citizenship. He would rather be
ruled than bothered, and he don't
care a snap whether the ruler is
a corrupt, gangster politician, a pub-
lic service corporation or a king.
If he has any preference it is for
the latter.
People in the country, however,
take not kindly to bosses or rulers
of any description. They are cap-
able of thinking for themselves, and
take time to do it. We venture the
assertion that 90 per cent of the
rural voters of Wallowa county who
have received the pamphlet, are
studying the measures and argu-
ments. If the Oregonian doesn't
believe the assertion it is welcome
to send a man up here to investi-
gate.
Was there ever a legislature in
any state in the Union in the last
100 years, in which 90 per cent of
the members knew even the title of
all the bills they voted on?
We guess not. If such a miracle
did happen, they could make a for-
tune exhibiting themselves as legis-
lative freaks.
And why? The last legislature
"considered" over 500 bills, and had
only a few weeks to do all its con-
sidering, with the manifold distrac-
tions of gay Salem at midnight to
combat. And the average intelli-
gence, honesty and commonsense of
the legislators were not a whit high-
er than that of the people. The vot-
ers have only 32 measures to con-
sider and more months than the leg-
islators had weeks, in which to do
their considering.

The best test of the fitness of
the people to legislate is the test
of experience. Two years ago there
were 19 measures on the ballot, and
not even the Oregonian has ever
dared to dispute the fact that the
results showed the people voted in-
telligently, discriminatingly and just-
ly. They had their little joke with
the gill netters and the fish wheel-
ers a proper rebuke. Immature and
too radical proposals were voted
down, propositions to waste money

were kicked into oblivion, while all
decent and needful measures were
given handsome majorities.
The safest, most conservative force
in all Oregon is the great body of
plain people on election day.

Of the 32 measures on the ballot
this fall, we divide them into four
classes: Those on which, in our
judgment, the vote should be an
emphatic Yes; those which should
not be determined by the state
at large, being purely local matters,
and on which the vote should be
No; those on which, clearly, with-
out a shadow of doubt, the vote
should be No; and fourthly, the
debatable questions. We put eight
of the 32 in the first class, eight in
the second, five in the third and 11
in the fourth.

This week we will consider the
first two classes and next week the
third and fourth classes.
We may preface, however, by say-
ing the division into classes is a
surely arbitrary one of our own,
made primarily for the quicker and
clearer consideration of them.
Good on Their Face.
The women's taxpaying suffrage
amendment (No. 390 Yes, page 2 of
the pamphlet) will probably be vot-
ed down, but it shouldn't. This is
an instance of where people vote
on prejudice instead of reason. All
women over 21 years of age should
have the ballot; there never has
been and cannot be one reason ad-
vanced against it. And surely why
shouldn't women taxpayers have a
voice in law making?
No. 302 Yes, Page 8. This is
the bill for an Eastern Oregon In-
sane asylum, passed by the legisla-
ture and referred to the people.
The present asylum at Salem is al-
ready overcrowded. The more pa-
tients in an institution the less
are each individual gets. Then, too
the patients do not thrive in the
mild but moist air of Salem
and their physical condition hamp-
ers their mental recovery. Last and
not least it will be a saving of money.
No. 314 Yes, Page 35. Allows Ba-
ker county to pay its circuit judge
\$1000 additional out of its own pocket.
If they want to do it, and they
do, don't throw any obstacles in
their path. Judge's salaries are too
low anyway.
No. 318 Yes, Page 46.
No. 336 Yes, Page 103.
No. 340 Yes, Page 109.

These are the Normal school bills,
one at Ashland, one at Mon-
mouth and one at Weston. A tax
of 1-25th of a mill is provided for
each school. Vote for all three,
sure. Oregon is disgracing herself
by not educating her teachers. Do
we want to pay out big salaries for
eighth grade graduates to teach our
children? The best is none too good
for Oregon, and we need the three
schools in three parts of the state
or two reasons: First, a school
with two or three hundred schol-
ars is always better for the scholar
than the big school, and second,
the normal students as a rule have
no money to waste, and the nearest
the school the cheaper for the stu-
dent.
No. 330 Yes, Page 81. Employ-
ers liability bill, modeled on the
act in the Illinois, New York and
Massachusetts laws. Oregon is a
hossback in enough things; lets get
up to date on this great reform
measure. It is for the best interest
of all classes. We make laws pro-
tecting boilers and other machinery;
let's have one protecting men.
No. 362 Yes, Page 206. Amend-
ment to the constitution providing
that three-fourths of a jury may de-
cide in a civil suit, and other good
provisions in regard to court pro-
cedure and practice. This will tend
to promote justice, discourage lit-
igation and even up matters between
the poor man with nothing but jus-
tice and a cheap lawyer on his side,
while on the other is the rich, con-
fidentious wrongdoer with the leading
lawyer cunningly direct matters
so one man on a jury may override
justice.

Name of Our Business.
No. 317 No, Page 37. To erect
county of Neamth from parts of
Lane and Douglas counties.
No. 321 No, Page 51. To erect
county of Otis from parts of Har-

ney, Malheur and Grant counties.
No. 323 No, Page 57. To annex
part of Clackamas county to Mult-
nomah county.
No. 325 No, Page 65. To erect
county of Williams from parts of
Lane and Douglas counties.
No. 333 No, Page 87. To erect
county of Orchard from part of
Umatilla county.
No. 335 No, Page 96. To erect
county of Clark from part of Grant
county.
No. 339 No, Page 106. To annex
part of Washington county to Mult-
nomah county.
No. 351 No, Page 141. To erect
county of Deschutes from part of
Crook county.

Six new counties and two changes
in boundary lines, and at long
range at least five of them look like
schemes to gratify the ambitions of
the towns named as temporary coun-
ty seats.
There are many reasons for vot-
ing No on each and every one of
the eight. First, we who live out-
side of the territory affected are
of proper judges of the matter.
There may be merit and justice in
some of them, but every one of
these county division schemes is
strongly opposed by residents of the
territory included—just what propor-
tion of the voters are opposed we
have no way of telling. We believe
the erection of a new county, or the
slicing off of a strip from one coun-
ty and adding it to another, should
be left wholly and solely to the peo-
ple directly affected. Such a law is
proposed by an initiative measure to
be voted on at this election, and
no injustice will result in asking
these schemes to wait a year or
two, we are in favor of voting No
on each and every one at present.
A just law would leave the mat-
ter of the erection of a new county,
with certain constitutional restric-
tions as to area, population and as-
sessed valuation, to the citizens of
the county or counties affected,
to vote in the territory embraced
within the limits of the proposed
county should be strongly in favor,
by 65 or 75 per cent, the affirma-
tive vote in the balance of the
county or counties should be
large enough to show that fair
minded men could see justice in the
reposition, say 15 to 25 per cent.
There is no doubt whatever that
some of these schemes have a ma-
jority against them right in their
own territory. For example, Des-
chutes county where it is reported
that practically everybody is opposed
except Redmond and immediate vicin-
ity. Madras and Bend people are
strong against it. Same is true of
Orchard, where Milton favors but it
is claimed Athena, Weston and most
of the people object. We have seen
no contradiction of the statement
that a majority of the people in the
strip proposed to be sliced off Wash-
ington and annexed to Multnomah
are opposed to the carving.

Let them all wait until a law is
passed giving them a right to de-
cide for themselves.
Don't refrain from voting on these
measures. If you approve of them
vote Yes, but if you see the justice
of letting them decide for themselves
vote No.

(PAID ADVERTISING.)
Settle It Now
Settle It Right
For constitutional amendment
giving to cities and towns
exclusive power to license,
regulate, control, suppress,
or prohibit the sale of intox-
icating liquors within the
municipality.
328 X Yes
ENDORSED BY
\$0,000 OREGON CITIZENS
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318 Electric Building, Portland, Ore.

United States Land Notices
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior.
J. S. Land Office at La Grande,
Oregon, Sept. 26th, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that Jared

H. Manley, of Enterprise, Oregon,
who, on June 10th, 1905, made Home-
stead Entry No. 14456, Serial No.
04523, for W 1/4 NE 1/4 and E 1/4 NW 1/4
Section 34, Township 1 North, Range
45 East, Willamette Meridian, has
filed notice of intention to make
Final Five-year Proof, to establish
claim to the land above described,
before C. M. Lockwood, U. S. Com-
missioner, at his office, at Enter-
prise, Oregon, on the 17th day of
November, 1910.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Thomas Monroe, Theodore E. Wood,
of Enterprise, Oregon, and Lewis
Martin and John Baker, of Joseph,
Oregon.
F. C. Bramwell, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior.
J. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or-
egon, July 29th, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that Mary
E. Yeager, whose postoffice address
is Elgin, Oregon, did, on the 27th
day of October, 1909, file in this
office Sworn Statement and Appli-
cation, No. 07203, to purchase the
NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 7 and NW 1/4 NW
1/4, Section 8, Township 1 North,
Range 45 East, Willamette Meridian,
and the timber thereon, under the
provisions of the act of June 3, 1878,
and acts amendatory, known as the
Timber and Stone Law, "at such
value as might be fixed by apprais-
ment, and that, pursuant to such ap-
praisal, the land and timber there-
on have been appraised, at \$241.25
the timber estimated 290,000 board
feet at 75 cents per M, and the land
\$23.75; that said applicant will offer
in proof in support of her applica-
tion and sworn statement on the
37th day of October, 1910, before The
Register and Receiver at the United
States Land Office, at La Grande,
Oregon.
Any person is at liberty to protest
his purchase before entry, or in-
voke a contest at any time before
patent issues, by filing a corrobor-
ated affidavit in this office, alleg-
ing facts which would defeat the
entry.
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F. C. Bramwell, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior.
J. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or-
egon, July 29th, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that Elmer
J. Jewell, whose post-office address
is Enterprise, Wallowa County, Or-
egon, did, on the 10th day of No-
vember, 1909, file in this office
Sworn Statement and Application,
No. 07257, to purchase the S 1/4 SW 1/4,
Section 23, Township 1 North, Range
47 East, Willamette Meridian, and
the timber thereon, under the pro-
visions of the act of June 3, 1878,
and acts amendatory, known as the
Timber and Stone Law, "at such
value as might be fixed by apprais-
ment, and that, pursuant to such ap-
praisal, the land and timber there-
on have been appraised, at \$200.00
the timber estimated 210,000 board
feet at 50 cts. per M, and the land
\$95.00; that said applicant will offer
in proof in support of his applica-
tion and sworn statement on the
17th day of October, 1910, before C.
M. Lockwood, United States Commis-
sioner, at Enterprise, Oregon.
Any person is at liberty to protest
his purchase before entry, or in-
voke a contest at any time before
patent issues, by filing a corrobor-
ated affidavit in this office, alleg-
ing facts which would defeat the
entry.
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F. C. Bramwell, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.
Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, September 19th,
1910.
A sufficient contest affidavit hav-
ing been filed in this office by Rue-
ben McEvers, contestant, against
Homestead Entry No. 06955, made
August 24th, 1909, for E 1/2 NE 1/4
& E 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 3, Township 2
North, Range 50 East, Willamette
Meridian, by Howard Whittier, Con-
testee, in which it is alleged that
said Howard Whittier has never es-
tablished a residence upon said tract,
but has abandoned the same, that
he has been absent therefrom for
more than six months since making
said entry, that said tract is not
settled upon and cultivated by said
party as required by law said parties
are hereby notified to appear, re-
spond, and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on
November 10th, 1910, before C. M.
Lockwood, United States Commis-
sioner, at his office in Enterprise, Or-
egon, and that final hearing will be
held at 10 o'clock a. m. on Novem-
ber 15th, 1910, before the Register
and Receiver at the United States
Land Office in La Grande, Oregon.
The said contestant having, in a
proper affidavit, filed September 19,
1910, set forth facts which show that
after due diligence personal service
of this notice can not be made, it is
hereby ordered and directed that
such notice be given due and proper
publication.
Record address of entryman—
Whitbird, Idaho, 765
F. C. Bramwell, Register.
Colon R. Edwards, Receiver.

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Department of the Interior.
J. S. Land Office at La Grande,
Oregon, Sept. 26th, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that Jared