

MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT

Among the thirty-eight measures, which will appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 5th, will be the Majority Rule Amendment. This is an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to require a majority of all electors voting at any election to adopt constitutional amendment and pass initiative measures.

This measure is proposed for the express purpose of preserving the Initiative Law for the people of Oregon by preventing its over-use by its friends and by preventing its abuse and possibly its repeal by its enemies. It scarcely admits of argument that the Initiative Law as originally intended by its sponsors, is a most worthy measure. But we find it today "working overtime" in Oregon. We find it being grossly abused and perverted—turned from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, to be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people with which to get important and necessary legislation after the same had been neglected or refused by the State Legislature. Governor Woodrow Wilson says: It is to be regarded as a "gun behind the door"—to be used only when the people's representatives fail to represent them.

After its eight years of use and abuse we find that it is fast pushing the Legislature into a subordinate and secondary place. Beginning with a few measures and a comparatively small official pamphlet, it has grown until today there are 38 measures to be voted upon, and an official pamphlet containing over 250 pages for the voters of Oregon to grope through in order to arrive at anything like an intelligent conclusion in regard to the proposed measures.

What percentage of the voters will take the trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite time and attention in order to vote intelligently thereon? And yet, it is the bounden duty of every voter to do so, because in this conglomerate mass there may be important measures affecting vitally all of the people of the state. A large majority of these 38 measures are ordinary matters of legislation which should have gone to the Legislature where members elected by all of the people are paid for the purpose of passing upon the merits or demerits of such measures, and who are at least supposed to be competent to render an intelligent decision thereon. And yet, we cannot expect any change in the number of measures on the ballot so long as we have an unbridled and unprotected initiative law that allows every paid propagandist, every faddist and fanatic who may be able to raise the price with which to hire an army of professional petition circulators to go forth and solicit signatures to a petition at so much per name.

What is there to prevent special interests from initiating measures containing jokers which if let pass, may work untold injustice to the people of Oregon? Will the electorate of Oregon take the time and trouble to study this official pamphlet sufficiently to select the good measures from the vicious ones—the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, and pass favorably on the good ones and reject the bad ones? We say no, and to substantiate our claim we need only call attention to the fact that you may go forth today—less than a month before election, and consult 10 business and professional men whose business and professional training has taught them to look carefully into important matters before rendering a decision thereon, and ask them if they have looked carefully into the 38 measures proposed and if they have read the 250 pages of the official pamphlet. We make the statement without fear of successful contradiction, that at least seven out of the ten will admit they have not read the pamphlet at all, and if so, have only given it a superficial glance. If such be the case with the man who is supposed to give these matters closer attention, what can be expected of the busy mechanic and laboring man whose attention is centered in other directions and whose environment is all along other lines?

The remedy suggested at the present moment by some of the most prominent newspapers of the state is, "Vote No" on all measures unless you are sure." Not having studied the merits of the 38 measures, how can the voter be sure? If he votes "No" on all or most of the measures and all are turned down, how about the one, two, or perhaps three or four meritorious measures for which there is a genuine need or demand by the people? Are they to meet the same fate as the dozens of ordinary measures which should have gone to the Legislature in the first place, or the vicious, or fanatic measures which should be turned down with a vengeance?

If we are to preserve the Initiative Law for the people of Oregon, both present and future, we must protect it by surrounding it with a safeguard which will prevent its misuse and abuse by those who would use it to further selfish interests to the detriment of the greater number of the people of the state.

The Majority Rule amendment will do this by driving all ordinary measures of legislation into the Legislature where they belong, and by driving the selfish and pernicious measures into oblivion where they also belong.

The Majority Rule amendment, if passed, will reduce the number of measures on the ballot to a sane basis by giving notice to all that a measure in order to stand a chance of passing must have real merit and that there must be an actual demand for the same, in which case there will be no difficulty at all in getting a majority to vote in favor of it.

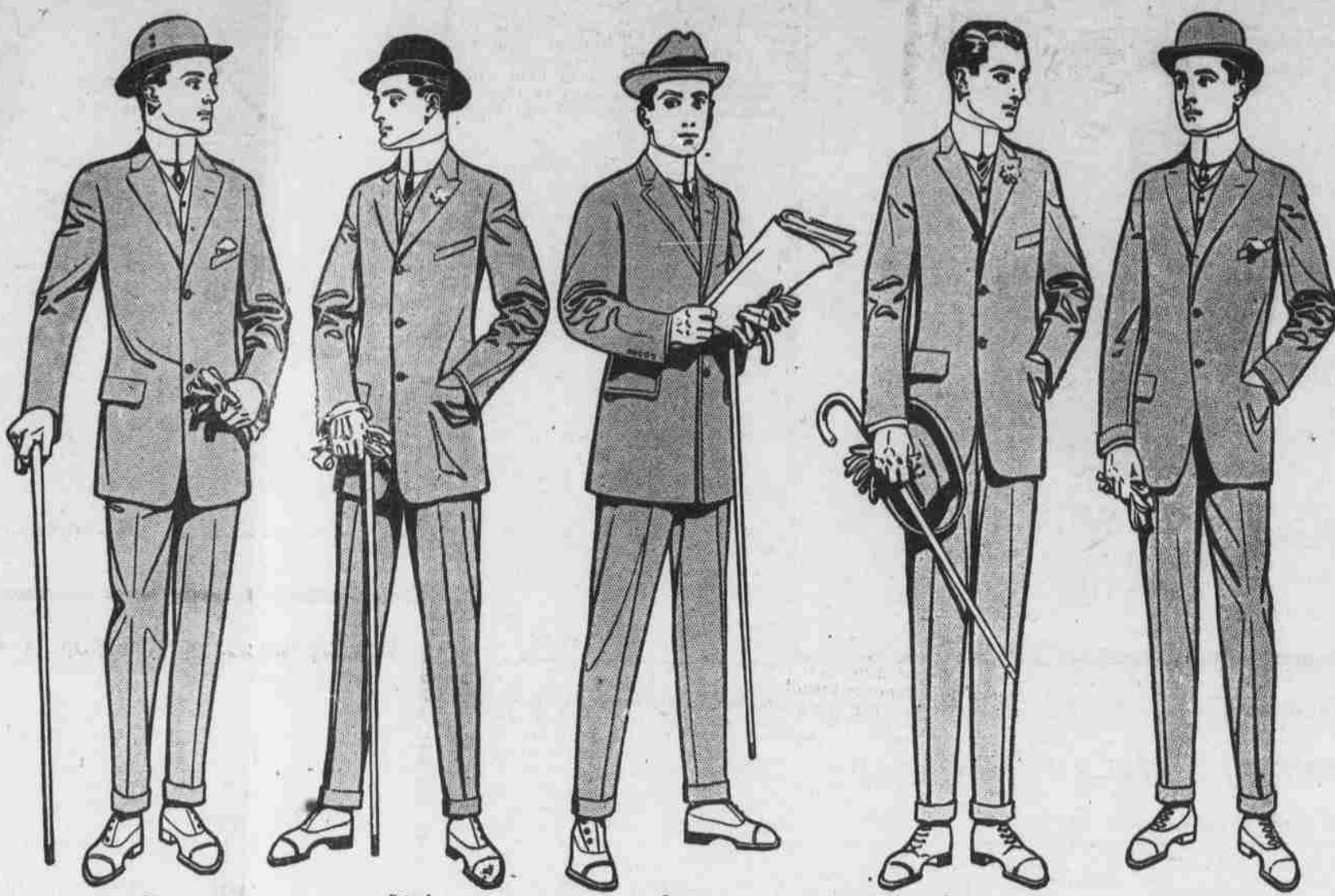
Take the time and pains to look into the Majority Rule amendment

DOUBTLESS you have certain preferences---most men have---you may have pictured in mind's eye the kind of suit or overcoat you will wear this Fall and Winter, and we believe we have the kind of clothes you want.

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| <p>Coat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pencil Pocket in seam of inside breast pocket. 2. Cash Pocket on inner left side. 3. Perspiration Shields at armpits to protect lining. 4. Neck Cape: prevents wrinkling below coat collar. Fastened. 5. Extension Safety Pocket: contains seals and secures letters, papers, etc. 6. Boutonniere Holder under Lapel. 7. Watch Pocket within outside breast pocket. 8. Cash Pocket in outer right pocket. | <p>Vest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Side Buckles to produce smooth fitting back. 10. Watch Guard in lower left pocket for fob or chain. 11. Pencil or Fountain Pen Pocket. Opens in seam of upper left pocket. 12. Vastee. Detachable; attached with gold pins; adds dressiness. | <p>Trousers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Permanent Crease: keeps trousers pressed and prevents bagging at the knee. Patented June 16, 1908, No. 860,972. 14. Cash Pocket within right-hand side pocket. Permits carrying keys, knife, etc., on the same side without confusion. 15. Guard in Watch Pocket to prevent theft or loss. 16. Pencil Pocket in right-hand hip pocket. Very convenient, especially when no coat or vest is worn. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Tunnel Belt Slides; hold trousers firmly over hips and keep belt in place. 18. Imported Tip Horn Button at front of waistband. Adds tone and smartness. 19. Silk Belt Loop to hold belt in position. 20. Improved Secret Money Pocket on inside of waistband. Closed and hidden by buttoning to inside suspender button. 21. Our specially designed Side Pockets. Big, roomy, and shaped especially to follow the form of the hand. 22. Hanger of Silk Braid. 23. 2 1/2-inch Turn-up for soft turn-up, or permanent cuff. 24. Leather Belt, covered with material to match trousers. 25. Telescope Waistband. Permits enlarging or reducing waist measure without gathering cloth. Patent applied for. 26. Flaps to button on hip pockets. |
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and if you do, you will vote for it and preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon.

Vote 322 X Yes.

323 No.

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE.
(Paid Adv.)

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FREE SPEECH BY FOUL MOUTHS

There is a foul-mouthed, indecent element in the city of Portland nightly insulting the decent, law-abiding citizens and openly reviling the flag. They have sent representatives to surrounding towns and in the name of free speech denounce the efforts to remove them from the streets. In the name of our wives and children we ask your support and Vote for No. 370, Voters' Pamphlet.

THE BOYCOTT AND PICKET

The employers of Oregon are not slave drivers, as is claimed by those who live by the sweat of their poor deluded victims. This fact is self-evident in any part of the state. The boycott and the picket are the representatives of a low order of intelligence, seeking by fear and the bludgeon to force a bad cause. Remove the system by a Vote for No. 368. See pamphlet.

Employers' Association of Oregon, W. C. Francis, Secretary
(Paid Advertisement.)

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Boy Scouts at LaGrande have been "swatting" the fly. They turned their attention to wiping out the winged disease spreaders and the winner in the contest was credited with having killed 5,000,000 flies. It is estimated that over 12,000,000 of the pests were killed in LaGrande during the campaign.

Notice to Creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Oscar Hayter, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, administrator of the estate of John Taylor, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administrator at his law office in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.
Dated and first published October 15, 1912.
OSCAR HAYTER,
Administrator of the estate of John Taylor, deceased. 10-15 11-12

Liquor Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that Henry Conner, of Black Rock District No. 18, in Polk County, Oregon, will, on the 6th day of November, 1912, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the Court House in Dallas, Oregon, make application to the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors, and fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in less quantities than one gallon, in said Black Rock District No. 18, who are bona fide residents and legal voters of said district, and who have resided in said district for more than thirty days continuously immediately preceding

the date of the signing and filing of said petition, said petition being in words and figures as follows, to-wit: In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the matter of the application of Henry Conner for liquor license.

Petition.

To the Honorable County Court of Polk County, Oregon.

Greeting: We, the undersigned, your petitioners herein, respectfully represent and show to your Honorable Court: That we, and each of us are actual and bona fide residents and legal voters of Black Rock District Number 18, in Polk County, State of Oregon; that we, and each of us, have resided within said district for more than thirty days continuously immediately preceding the date of the signing and filing of this petition; that we constitute a majority of the legal voters residing within said district; that we are acquainted with Mr. Henry Conner, of Black Rock, Oregon, and know him to be a law abiding citizen.

Wherefore we, and each of us, jointly and severally, respectfully petition your Honorable body and pray that a license be issued to Mr. Henry Conner, of Black Rock, Polk County, Oregon, to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors, and fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in less quantities than one gallon, in said Black Rock District Number 18, in Polk County, State of Oregon.

Dated and signed at Black Rock, Oregon, this 28th day of September, 1912.

(Signed):

T. M. Wyatt, Black Rock, Oregon.

Oliver J. Baker, Black Rock, Oregon.

C. L. Elkins, Black Rock, Oregon.

Paul H. Rusk, Black Rock, Oregon.

Nip Patterson, Black Rock, Oregon.

O. E. Shultz, Black Rock, Oregon.

Wm. M. Whyte, Black Rock, Oregon.

Ross Chilcott, Black Rock, Oregon.

C. D. Wallace, Black Rock, Oregon.

C. A. Erickson, Black Rock, Oregon.

George Gilbertson, Black Rock, Oregon.

John Halde, Black Rock, Oregon.

C. N. Ross, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. V. Wallace, Black Rock, Oregon.

A. G. Fisher, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. C. VanSike, Black Rock, Oregon.

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A. B. Lee, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. P. Phelps, Black Rock, Oregon.

F. R. Ellis, Black Rock, Oregon.

Peter Michalsen, Black Rock, Oregon.

C. F. Dunn, Black Rock, Oregon.

Wm. Ridenour, Black Rock, Oregon.

W. C. Bullis, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. S. Gibson, Black Rock, Oregon.

G. T. Cree, Black Rock, Oregon.

A. H. Lamm, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. Russell, Black Rock, Oregon.

Alb Hallstrom, Black Rock, Oregon.

Ed Wilson, Black Rock, Oregon.

W. R. Stump, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. W. Foss, Black Rock, Oregon.

F. Erickson, Black Rock, Oregon.

G. J. Anderson, Black Rock, Oregon.

W. C. Wilkins, Black Rock, Oregon.

N. M. Frazier, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. C. Rucker, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. P. Magers, Black Rock, Oregon.

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G. W. Miller, Black Rock, Oregon.

Frank Lamm, Black Rock, Oregon.

B. M. Wilhelm, Black Rock, Oregon.

Ralph Chilcott, Black Rock, Oregon.

W. T. Wallace, Black Rock, Oregon.

S. B. Irwin, Black Rock, Oregon.

A. D. Garbusch, Black Rock, Oregon.

J. C. Taylor, Black Rock, Oregon.

Wm. Stafford, Black Rock, Oregon.

W. H. Sportsman, Black Rock, Oregon.

Geo. Miller, Black Rock, Oregon.

E. Comstock, Black Rock, Oregon.

S. G. Price, Black Rock, Oregon.

Wm. Lentz, Black Rock, Oregon.

O. L. Nealley, Black Rock, Oregon.

F. J. Holman, Black Rock, Oregon.

Rd. Osburn, Black Rock, Oregon.

This notice, containing a copy of said petition, is published in The Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Dallas in Polk County, Oregon, for a period of four consecutive and successive weeks, beginning with the issue of said newspaper dated Tuesday, October 1st, 1912, all in the manner and form as required by law. The date of the last publication of said notice in said Polk County Observer is October 29th, 1912.

HENRY CONNER,
Applicant.

10-1 10-29

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