

MEASURES ON BALLOT

PROHIBITION AND ABOLISHMENT OF SENATE ON LIST.

Twenty-Nine Amendments to Go Upon the Ballot at the November Election—List of Filings.

The electorate of Oregon will have the privilege of voting upon twenty-nine general measures at the election in November. This is nine less than at the last general election. Contrary to expectations there was no rush of petitions on the last day for filing them. A number of the most important measures proposed will not appear on the ballot. Secretary of State Oleott will have the petitions checked at once for irregularities, but it is believed that all filed are within the law. Eleven of the general measures were referred by the last legislature. In addition to the general measures there are three local ones. There were seven at the last general election. Another important amendment abolishes the State Senate. It was initiated by the officers of the Oregon State Grange, Oregon State Federation of Labor, People's Power League, Farmers' Union, Farmers' Society of Equity and Proportional Representation Bureau.

An amendment for proportional representation, initiated by the same organizations as the one to abolish the State Senate, provides that every voter may vote for any one aspirant for representative in the Legislative Assembly and no more.

Election of 60 Provided. The voter may write or stick on the ballot the name of the person he votes for. The 60 aspirants who receive the greatest number of votes throughout the state shall be declared elected.

Among the measures for which completed petitions were not filed and which, consequently, will not be voted upon, was one empowering the Governor to remove from office District Attorneys, Sheriffs and Constables, and appoint their successors, proposed by Governor West. An amendment proposed by C. S. Jackson, of Portland, which made a change in land condemnation, will not go on the ballot. Another amendment by Mr. Jackson, providing for the taxation of all land that is not public property, also will not appear on the ballot.

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., ex-United States Senator, who advertised widely a measure proposed by him prohibiting the payment of circulators of petitions, failed to file a petition of the bill. A petition was not filed for an amendment, proposed by A. M. Crawford, empowering the Governor to veto certain sections in legislative bills.

Completed petitions were filed for measures designed to put an end to single tax agitation, and restore in part the assembly. They were initiated by David M. Dunne, of Portland. The first measure provides that the Legislative Assembly or the people shall pass a law for uniform and equal rates of assessment and taxation of real and personal property within the state, excepting municipal, educational, literary, etc., and a nominal exemption of not more than \$300.

It is provided in the measure that it cannot be repealed unless by a two-thirds vote of the electorate.

Convention Plan Provided. In the amendment relating to the assembly provision is made that precinct elections shall be held for selection of delegates to a convention or meeting for recommending candidates for office. The law, however, says that it shall not be construed to affect direct nominations made by petition under existing laws.

Other measures for which completed petitions were filed are as follows: Graduated sur-tax amendment; initiated by H. D. Wagoner and others, provides for a graduated tax on land and other resources which are held in private hands.

Amendment to abolish death penalty; initiated by Paul Turner.

Amendment to establish department of industries and public works; initiated by the Socialist party of Oregon, provides for the creation of industries to give employment to the unemployed and for a tax on the estates of deceased persons to maintain them.

Bill consolidating the office of Corporation Commissioner with that of State Insurance Commissioner; initiated by Ernest Kroner and others.

Amendment to equalize the terms of county officers; initiated by R. P. Rasmussen.

Bill reducing the salaries of the officers of Hood River county; initiated by Park Grange, No. 501.

Bill to provide for a commission to draft a tax code; initiated by the Non-Partisan League.

Bill to regulate the practice of dentistry and to abolish the State Dental Examining Board, initiated by John T. Coehran.

Abolishment of Boards Is Plan.

Bill to abolish State Desert Land Board and transfer its powers and duties to the State Water Board, and the office of Superintendent of Water Division, and to assign their powers and duties to a state water commissioner, who shall be appointed by the State Land Board; to abolish the office of State Engineer, and to assign his duties to an engineer to be appointed by the State Land Board, and to repeal annual appropriations, initiated by W. P. George, and endorsed by Governor West.

Amendment providing \$1500 tax exemption on homes, livestock and tools; initiated by W. S. U'Ren and others.

Amendment making beds of naviga-

ble waters of the state inalienable and subject to public use for water commerce, and authorizing cities to construct docks thereon or the leasing thereof upon fair rental value to be paid for the joint of the cities and the common school fund of the state; initiated by C. S. Jackson and F. W. Mulkey, of Portland.

Bill authorizing cities to construct docks on state lands; initiated by C. S. Jackson and F. W. Mulkey, of Portland.

Amendment providing universal eight-hour day; initiated by Jean Bennett, of Portland.

Amendment for eight-hour day for women; initiated by the Eight-Hour League.

Bill to provide a non-partisan judiciary; initiated by W. M. Davis, of Portland.

Other measures for which completed petitions were not filed were as follows:

Bill prohibiting conduct of business and amusements on Sunday; proposed by Washington County Christian Endeavor Union.

\*\*\*\*\* BOOSTERS, BOOSTERS. BOOSTERS, BOOSTERS. There will be a special meeting of the Commercial club, at the court house, on Wednesday evening, July 8, at 8 o'clock. That's tomorrow evening. And you, Mr. Booster, are expected to be present and to participate in the deliberations, which will be for "the good or the order." Dallas in particular and Polk county in general. Just because it's the good old summer time do not think that there is nothing to be done. There's something doing all the time—with the Commercial club—and you may as well be in on it. \*\*\*\*\*

MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

Little City by the Falls Forging Forward, and Is Prosperous.

Falls City entertained the writer for a brief season on Friday last, it being his first appearance within the boundaries of that municipality. Many new improvements are visible to the naked eye, and others are in contemplation for the immediate future, among them being some important street betterments, work on which will commence this week. It is the purpose of the city council to expend something like \$6000 this season on this work, for which the contract has been awarded. Friday was a busy day at Falls City. There were a considerable number of loggers in from the camps, either celebrating or preparing to do so. The merchants, and especially those who traffic in wet goods, were enjoying a good business, and the principal street of this progressive little city was thronged with people.

The celebration on the Fourth was a successful affair from start to finish. There were a large number of visitors from the surrounding country, while the towns of the county were well represented. Especially was this true of Dallas, there being nothing to keep them at home. The program as previously outlined in The Observer was carried out almost to the letter, and proved entertaining.

Contributions to Exhibit.

Mr. French, who is gathering the Polk county exhibit for the county and state fairs, reports that he is succeeding admirably, contributors "coming across" with a willingness that shows interest in the matter.

Following are the names of those who have contributed for the week ending July 4: K. B. Kugel, cherries; B. I. Ferguson, cherries; F. Sewald, wheat, oats, barley, grass; J. F. Huntley, oats, grass; Jas. Van Meter, cherries; Wes. Elliott, cherries, wheat, vetch; Fred R. Elliott, cherries; O. Nelson, cherries, loganberries, manmoth blackberries; A. H. Holmes, wheat; Ewing Bros. vetch, rye; Wm. Mackie, cherries.

Finn Commends Move.

Over the county I find that a few enterprising farmers have mowed the tall grass along the sides of the road by their farms, and have either made hay of it or burned it anyway to keep it from going to seed. This is indeed good to see, as it not only helps the looks of their farms but makes the road look neater and helps to kill a great many obnoxious weeds.

I hope many more of the residents along our roads will fall in line with this idea and boost Polk county a little further along the way toward better roads.

J. W. FINN.

Worships at Gambrinus' Shrine.

Marshal Chase had but a single victim who fell at the foot of Gambrinus' throne and found a resting place in the dusty recesses of the city's well-filled coop. The stranger found time sufficient to ponder over the evils of the age by passing a portion of the nation's holiday and the following Sunday. Repentance came in the manner of a small fine and admonition yesterday imposed by Judge Gregory.

R. L. Conner and wife of McMinnville were among the many who passed through the city Saturday on the way to Falls City by the auto route. Mr. Conner is an attorney at the seat of justice in Yamhill county.

RECALLS EARLY FOURTH

FLOAT AND OX TEAM FEATURE OF THE PARADE.

Celebration Twenty-four Years Ago Saturday Had Unique Way of Financing.

Monmouth's observance of Independence day brought up early recollections from the older inhabitants of the celebration held there in the year 1890, 24 years ago. Monmouth's business section stood to the more eastern part of town, making up what is many times referred to now as "Old Monmouth." These buildings were destroyed in the disastrous fire of 1896. One wing of the present Oregon Normal school building was standing. The morning of July 4, 1890, arrived with good weather for the celebration and at 9 o'clock the parade, if it may be called such, formed at the city hall. It was made up of two parts—a float and a logging wagon, drawn by an ox team. For the float a hay rack had been carefully decorated on which the Goddess and the small children of the community rode. Miss Nettie Ground (Mrs. David Foulkes) was Goddess of Liberty and Miss Mary Coates (Mrs. T. O. Meador) acted as Columbia.

The float, followed by the ox-drawn wagon which unexpectedly came from a nearby logging district, moved through the town and stopped at the normal school campus, where the program of the day was held in the grove. Preceded by musical numbers, the Declaration of Independence was read. The management chose a unique way of financing the celebration. The heads of the families brought dinner to the dining-hall of the normal school, situated in the southern part of the grove, where a force of young women placed the "eats" in a general lot. At noon the lunches were sold at counters, and, although the citizens bought back what they themselves had prepared, there was no objection to the plan.

Of the pioneer group who settled Monmouth in the early '50s but one now survives—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Lucas, who was unable to be present at Saturday's festivities. She resides in the southern part of the city. The celebration of 1890 was honored by the presence of the man who was responsible for Monmouth getting its name. It was the late Ira F. M. Butler, who was then at an advanced age. As chairman of an early meeting of the inhabitants of the town he cast the deciding vote for "Monmouth" in preference to "Dover."

THE MARKETS

\*\*\*\*\* Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. \*\*\*\*\*

WHEAT—Track prices: New club, 77c; new forty-fold, 78c; new blue-stem, 80c; new red Russian, 76c; old club, 86c, nominal.

MILLFEED—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$30.

OATS—No. 1 white milling, \$22 and \$22.25 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, \$4.80 per barrel; straights, \$4.20; exports, \$3.90; valley, \$4.50; graham, \$4.80; whole wheat, \$5.

BARLEY—Feed, \$20 and \$21 per ton; brewing, \$21.50 and \$22; rolled, \$23.50.

HAY—Choice timothy, \$16 and \$17; mixed timothy, \$12 and \$15; valley grain hay, \$10 and \$12; alfalfa, \$11.

CORN—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Dairy and Country Produce. EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 23c; candled, 25c and 26c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 14 1/2c and 15c; Springs, 18c and 20c; turkeys, live, 20c and 22c; dressed, choice, 25c and 26c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8c and 9c.

BUTTER—Creamery prints, extra, 27 1/2c per pound; cubes, 22c and 23c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 16c per pound f. o. b. dock Portland; Young America, 17c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 10c and 10 1/2c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10c and 11c per pound.

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PELTS—Dry, 11c; dry short wool, 8c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 15c; salted sheep, \$1.25 and \$1.50; Spring lambs, 25c and 35c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 13 1/2c per pound; salt kip, 14c; salted calf, 19c; green hides, 12 1/2c; dry hides, 24c; dry calf, 2 1/2c; salted bulls, 10c per pound; green bulls, 8 1/2c.

WOOL—Valley, 18c and 20 1/2c; Eastern Oregon, 16c and 20 1/2c.

MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27 1/2c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 4 1/2c per pound.

A Peculiar Accident.

Mrs. Hazel Anderson of Falls City had the misfortune to lose the third finger of her left hand. She was engaged in a friendly scuffle and in some manner the ring on her finger caught upon a nail tearing the flesh so badly that an amputation below the second joint was necessary.—News.

New Lodge at Falls City.

The latest fraternal order is the Homesteaders, a lodge of which was last week organized in Falls City by State Deputy J. A. Mann, with the following officers: Bert Iverson, pres-

ident; Floyd Morrison, vice-president; D. L. Wood, Junior, treasurer; G. Larson, marshal; Samuel Gardner, man-at-arms; A. Stevenson, herald; Mrs. F. Morrison, lady of charity; Leda Iverson, lady of entertainment.

Bear With Us, Dear Reader.

If The Observer is not up to its usual standard today, place the blame where it properly belongs—with those who were responsible for our national independence. Printers are the most patriotic craftsmen in the game today. They labor twelve long and weary months between shots and shouts awaiting the coming of the G-l-o-r-i-o-u-s F-o-u-r-t-h, and when it arrives there's absolutely nothing doing around the shop. Generally, however, they "make up the time" during the following twenty-four hours, but in this year of our Lord nineteen fourteen the natal day tagged along until the tail end of the week, making it impossible to "make up," for the press draws the line on Sabbath desecration, and won't do it if there's anything else in sight. So there you are.

William Armstrong Passes.

William Armstrong, 86 years old, a pioneer of Salem, died Saturday after an illness of more than a year. He had been a resident of Oregon 45 years, coming from County Tyrone, Ireland. Mr. Armstrong served as inspector of customs in Portland for many years, and was a representative in the Oregon legislature two years.

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